WHILE I WAS BEING FOLLOWED, THE NUMBER OF MY COMRADES INCREASED...
AND BY STOPPING YOUR MOVEMENT, MY SUPERIOR FORCES WILL FINISH YOU OFF
THE OPERATION SO FAR HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH PERFECT
UGYAAH
AND NOW I JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH...
THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHEN NEURO DIES
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RAGI...
YOU'RE
ALIVE
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OF COURSE
NEURO
MUST HAVE
SAVED YOU
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IT MUST HAVE BEEN A CLOSE CALL
IF NEURO HAD GIVEN HIS OWN ESCAPE PRIORITY...
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN IN DANGER
.....!!
IT'S JUST LIKE I HEARD FROM HAL
IN THE END, KATSURAGI
AGAIN YOU LED NEURO'S FOOTSTEPS
WELL, COME ON
SINCE I WENT TO ALL THIS TROUBLE, LET'S WATCH IT TOGETHER
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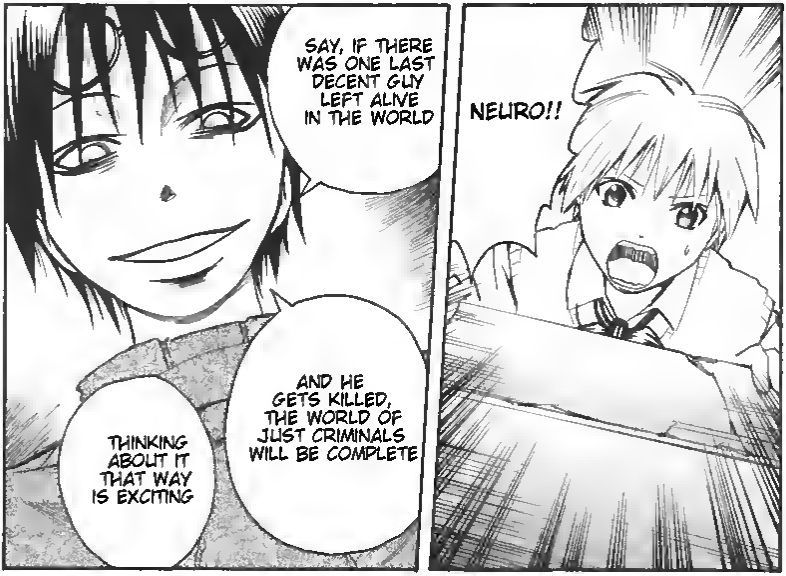
THEY'RE GETTING NEARER TO YOUR PARTNER, JUST ABOUT TO RIP HIM INTO PIECES


SAY, IF THERE WAS ONE LAST DECENT GUY LEFT ALIVE IN THE WORLD
AND HE GETS KILLED, THE WORLD OF JUST CRIMINALS WILL BE COMPLETE
THINKING ABOUT IT THAT WAY IS EXCITING
NEURO!!

I UNDERSTAND WHAT HAL MADE ME REALIZE
IT ISN'T HAL'S DESIRE
!!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...
THE ONE WHO WANTS A WORLD FILLED WITH CRIMINALS IS...
NONE OTHER THAN MYSELF
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THIS IS A SERIOUS CRISIS
...ISN'T THAT WHAT THEY CALL IT?
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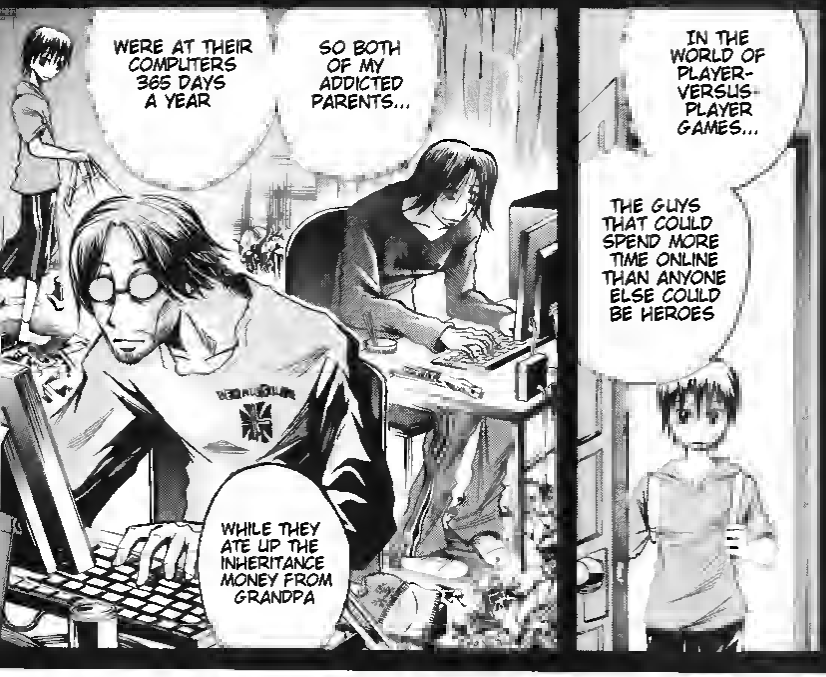
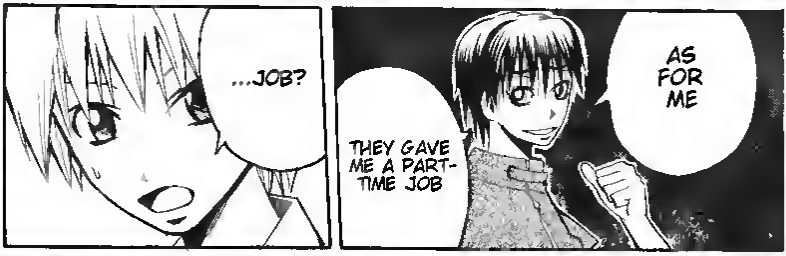
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP THIS!!
NEURO'S... IN DANGER!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER!!
WHY DO YOU WANT THE WHOLE WORLD TO BE MADE OF CRIMINALS!?
MR. HIGUCHI!!
PLEASE, STOP THOSE PEOPLE!!
YOU DO KNOW HOW TO STOP THEM, DON'T YOU!?
OF COURSE I WON'T DO IT
WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO THESE SORTS OF ORDERS...
MAYBE YOU UNDERSTAND ALREADY?
IF PEOPLE DIE FROM YOUR VIRUS...
WON'T IT BE LIKE YOU KILLED THEM!?
.....
PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE, AREN'T THEY!?
EVEN MORE THAN THEY ARE NOW!!

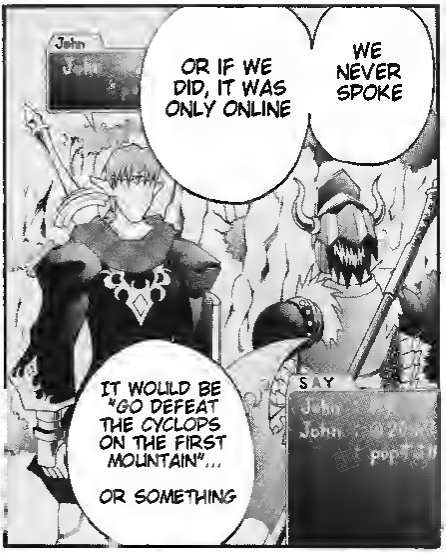
... EH?
I'VE ALREADY BEEN KILLING PEOPLE
SINCE I WAS A KID
HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED ONE OF THOSE ONLINE GAMES?
BUT IT'S AN ODD STORY, KATSURAGI
PLAYERS BECOME IMAGINARY CHARACTERS
IN IMAGINARY WORLDS CREATED ON THE INTERNET...
AND, WITH THE OTHER PLAYER CHARACTERS, COOPERATE, GO ON ADVENTURES, AND SO ON

...KIND OF LIKE THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
AND I DON'T THINK THEY KNEW IT, BUT THE GUYS THAT WERE ADDICTED TO IT WERE COMPLETELY ADDICTED
THE IMAGINARY WORLD WAS REALLY WELL MADE
INSTEAD OF THE REAL WORLD
THERE WERE GUYS THAT WISHED THEY COULD LIVE IN THAT ONE
EVEN MOVING AROUND THAT WORLD SEEMED TO BE AS REAL AS THE REAL THING
MOST OF THE CHARACTERS WERE CONTROLLED BY FLESH-AND-BLOOD HUMANS
REALLY DEEP ONLINE GAME JUNKIES
BOTH OF MY PARENTS WERE LIKE THAT


IN THE WORLD OF PLAYER-VERSUS-PLAYER GAMES...
THE GUYS THAT COULD SPEND MORE TIME ONLINE THAN ANYONE ELSE COULD BE HEROES
SO BOTH OF MY ADDICTED PARENTS...
WERE AT THEIR COMPUTERS 365 DAYS A YEAR
WHILE THEY ATE UP THE INHERITANCE MONEY FROM GRANDPA


AS FOR ME
THEY GAVE ME A PART-TIME JOB
...JOB?

I JUST KILLED MONSTERS TO EARN MONEY
...AND
MY PARENTS WOULD USE THAT MONEY TO BUY STRONGER WEAPONS


John
WE NEVER SPOKE
OR IF WE DID, IT WAS ONLY ONLINE
SAY
John
John
IT WOULD BE "GO DEFEAT THE CYCLOPS ON THE FIRST MOUNTAIN"...
OR SOMETHING

WHEN NORMAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS GOT HOME AFTER SCHOOL...
THEY'D GO PLAY WITH FRIENDS OR GO TO CRAM SCHOOL, RIGHT?
BUT I WAS IN VIRTUAL SPACE, WORKING
OR PERHAPS BUYING MY PARENTS' MEALS AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE

IT MAKES YOU LAUGH, DOESN'T IT?
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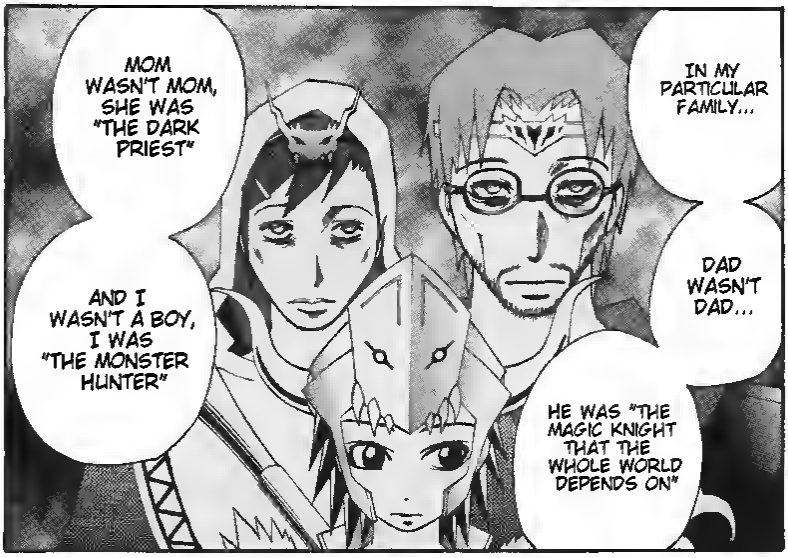
IN MY PARTICULAR FAMILY...
MOM WASN'T MOM, SHE WAS "THE DARK PRIEST"
DAD WASN'T DAD...
AND I WASN'T A BOY, I WAS "THE MONSTER HUNTER"
HE WAS "THE MAGIC KNIGHT THAT THE WHOLE WORLD DEPENDS ON"

I COULD "DESTROY THAT WORLD"
WELL, I GOT SICK AND TIRED OF THAT WORLD
AND THEN I HAD A THOUGHT
IT INVADED THE ONLINE GAME SERVERS
AND TEN YEARS' WORTH OF DATA WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED
I SNEAKILY MADE A VIRUS ON THE SCHOOL COMPUTERS DURING CLASS
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D HACKED IN MY LIFE
SINCE THAT WORLD WAS ALREADY GONE
I WAS SO EXCITED
THAT DAY, ON THE WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL...

WE WOULDN'T BE AN ADVENTURING PARTY
WE'D BE A FAMILY
THEY HAD BOTH HUNG THEMSELVES
AND THEN
FOR BOTH OF THEM, REALITY...
HADN'T BEEN THE REAL ONE FOR A LONG TIME
EXPLORER
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We are dead because the World was destroyed
Goodbye
THEIR SUICIDE NOTE WAS A MASTERPIECE, TOO

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EVEN THOUGH THE REAL WORLD WAS RID OF THEM THROUGH THEIR SUICIDE
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT I KILLED MY PARENTS
DOES THAT MAKE ME A MURDERER?
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IS WHAT I DID A CRIME?
…SO, KATSURAGI
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!?
ABOUT THE WEATHER, OR GRADES...
I WANTED THEM TO CARE!!
ANY STUPID LITTLE THING WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE...
I WANTED THEM TO TALK ABOUT THE REAL WORLD!!

IS THAT SO BAD!!
IS THINKING THAT SUCH A CRIME!!
HAH
SO I'LL CHANGE THE WORLD TO A MORE TRUTHFUL FORM
IF IT IS
IF IT IS, AREN'T ALL PEOPLE CRIMINALS!!
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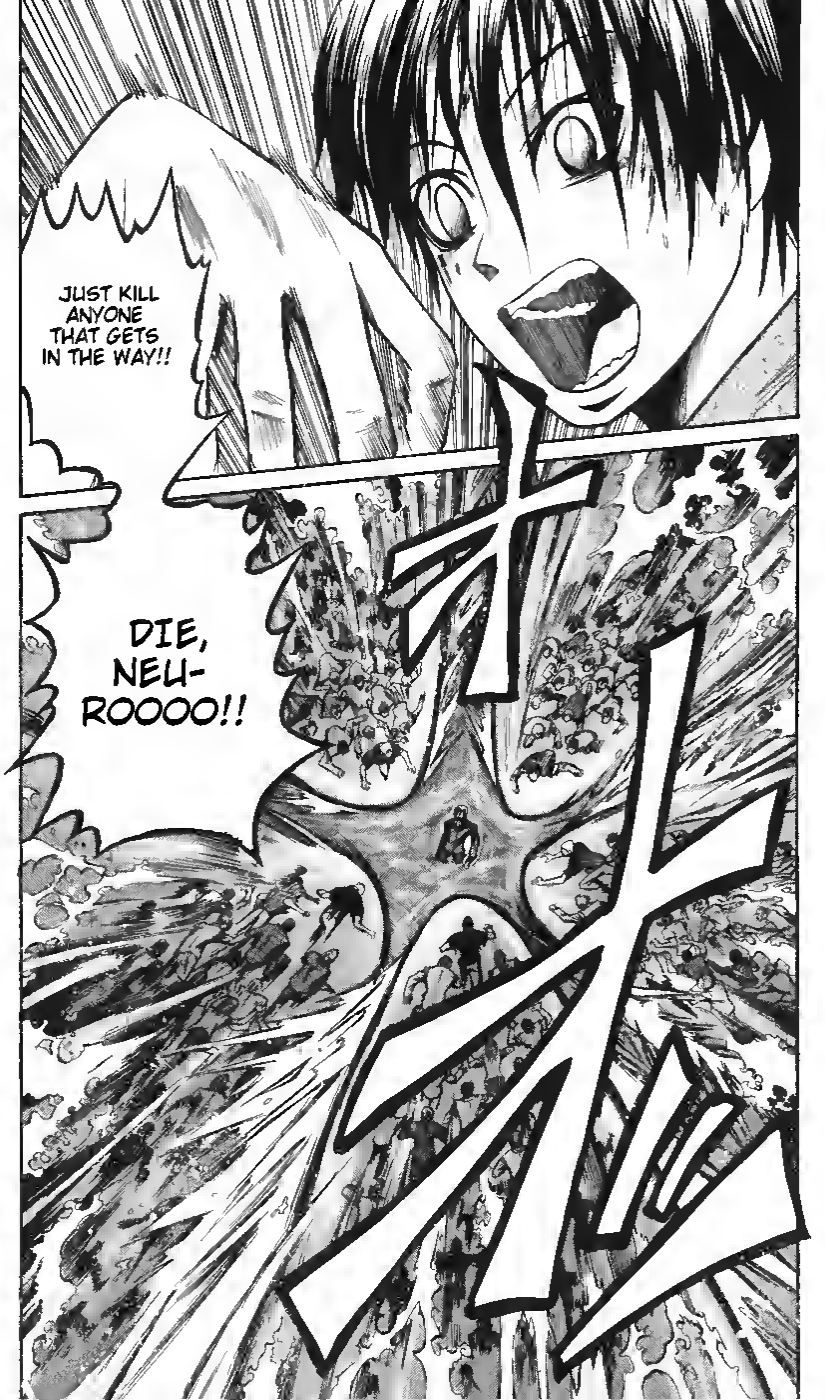
HAL GAVE ME THAT POWER
THE POWER TO MAKE ALL PEOPLE CRIMINALS

CREATE THE WORLD!!
GIVE ME MORE SOUND, "SPHINX"!!
THE WORLD WHERE CRIMINALS CAN ACT OPENLY, WITH COMPLETE FREEDOM!!
THIS PERSON...!!
THE FRENZIED SOUND THAT WILL POWER UP THE JUNKIES UNTIL THEY ARE AT THEIR STRONGEST!!


JUST KILL ANYONE THAT GETS IN THE WAY!!
DIE, NEU-ROOOO!!

MY BELOVED CHILD AND BLOGGING (EXCERPTS FROM EACH YEAR)

HE WAS FINALLY BORN TODAY!
BEALISE HE'S OUR KID, HE'S QUITE
THE HANDSOME BOY!? (LOL)
AS FOR HIS NAME... WEEEELL,
WE HAVEN'T QUITE GOT IT YET.
WE'RE BOTH COMPLETELY NEW TO
BLOGS AND RAISING CHILDREN SO
WE'RE JUST FUMBLING AROUND BUT,
BOTH WILL DEFINITELY BE OUR PRECIOUS LITTLE
TREASURES!

I WONDER IF IT'S ABOUT TIME HE STOPPED DRINKING
MILK FROM MY BREAST
ABOUT A MONTH AGO I STARTED PLAYING SOME ONLINE
GAMES BUT WITH MY HUSBAND'S HELP IT LOOKS LIKE I
CAN GET TO THE ICE MOUNTAIN LIKE I ALWAYS WANTED!
THE SCARLET DRESS (A SUPER-CUTE ONE!) I GOT AT
THE VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT IS THE GREATEST!
EVEN YULIYA SITS ON MY KNEE AND NEVER SEEMS
TO GET TIRED OF WATCHING.
IT'S LIKE WE'RE PLAYING TOGETHER (^-^)

THE AMOUNT OF RMT LATELY IS GETTING DAMN ANNOYING.
EVEN THE GM HAD TO PICK UP THE PACE IN BANNING THEM
ANYWAY, THERE'S TOO MUCH TO MAINTAIN TO GET
READY FOR BATTLES :[]:*
SINCE IF WE LEAVE, THE BALANCE OF
THE WORLD COLLAPSES.
I WONDER WHAT WE CAN DO.
OH WELL, SINCE IT'S TIME FOR RARE MONSTERS
TO START WANDERING, I'M DIVING BACK IN (^[]^)

I'M TOO BUSY, SO I'M CLOSING THIS BLOG.
THANKS FOR READING FOR SO LONG

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IT'S THAT ADAPTED REMOTE CONTROL, ISN'T IT!?
THAT YOU'RE USING TO CONTROL THE SOUND!!
STOP IT!!
OHOO
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WITH THIS SOUND, I CAN BRING OUT A STRENGTH BEYOND THEIR FLESH AND BLOOD...
NO WAY
IN THE ELECTRONICALLY DRUGGED JUNKIES BELOW...
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OF COURSE
EVEN THEIR OWN BODIES CAN'T HANDLE THE POWER
IN ONE STRIKE, THEIR BONES WILL BREAK AND FLESH WILL RUPTURE

WHAT IS DIFFERENT IS
LIKE YOU'VE SEEN SO FAR, THEY DON'T FAINT FROM PAIN OR SHOCK
WITH THIS SOUND RUNNING, THEY CAN CONTINUE TO ATTACK UNTIL THEY DIE
YES
UNTIL NEURO DIES!!
COME ON, STOP IT!!
I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY WANT THIS, MR. HIGUCHI!!
TALKING AS IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW!?
THIS IS MY DESIRE!!
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO CREATE A PARADISE FOR CRIMINALS!!

SO IF EVERYONE COMMITS CRIMES EQUALLY...
IT'S UNFAIR THAT ONLY PEOPLE WHO COMMIT CRIMES ARE CRIMINALS, ISN'T IT!?
THE WORD CRIMINAL WON'T EXIST ANYMORE!!
EVERYONE HAS THE DESIRE TO COMMIT CRIMES!!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD BE SERIOUS ABOUT DOING THAT!!
THAT'S NOT RIGHT.
IT STRIPS THE PEOPLE ADDICTED TO IT OF THEIR FEELINGS OF GUILT!!
AND WHAT MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE IS THE ELECTRONIC DRUG!!
BECAUSE YOU...
IT CAN GRANT EVERY DESIRE WITH CRIME!!
AREN'T REALLY BEING CONTROLLED

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IF THE SOUND STOPS, THEIR POWER BECOMES MUCH WEAKER
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...BUT, IT IS TOO LATE
I HAVE ALREADY INVOKED THE ABILITY TO DEFEAT YOU ALL
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YOU SHOULD BE HONORED
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FOR HUMANS LIKE YOU TO FACE...
A SECRET METHOD THAT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE EVEN IN THE DAEMON WORLD CAN USE

EVIL AQUA
7 WEAPONS OF THE DAEMON EMPEROR

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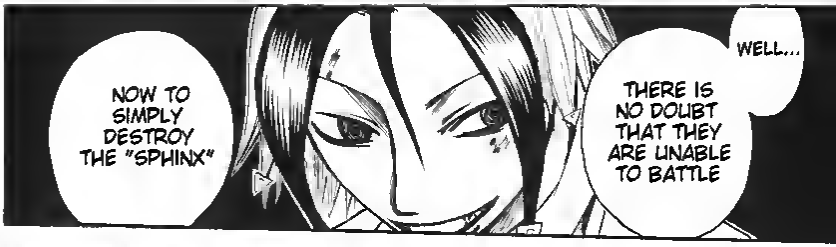
...HM
SO THAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE DAEMON KING'S SELF-DEFENSE WEAPONS IN THIS WORLD


WELL...
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO BATTLE
NOW TO SIMPLY DESTROY THE "SPHINX"

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HOW...
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
THAT I WASN'T AN ADDICT OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG?

THE PEOPLE CAUGHT BY THE ELECTRONIC DRUG...
COMMITTED CRIMES BECAUSE THEY HAD NO FEELINGS OF GUILT
.. BE-CAUSE
YOU WERE CLEARLY DIFFERENT
BUT YOU, MR. HIGUCHI
BECAUSE YOU FELT GUILTY...
YOU WANTED TO FORGET THAT AND TRIED TO COMMIT CRIMES
IF IT HAD ERASED THE LONELINESS AND GUILT THAT YOU BORE ALL BY YOURSELF
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THAT FACE AND HESITATED
CONSEQUENTLY, THE GUILT WAS FOR CAUSING BOTH YOUR PARENTS' DEATHS
IF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG ERASED THAT...

NEURO ...
SOMEHOW HE LOOKS PRETTY CALM
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AT LEAST 50% WAS UNDER HAL'S CONTROL
...MORE CORRECTLY
I WASN'T A COMPLETE ADDICT
WE KNEW THAT THE LONGER WAVELENGTHS OF LIGHT IN PARTICULAR INFLUENCED THE BRAIN SO
ANALYZING THE IMAGE...
MY GOAL WAS TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM THAT
I PROTECTED MYSELF AGAINST THE REMAINING 50% WITH THESE
IT WAS ONE OF MY COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST THE ELECTRONIC DRUG, POLARIZED GLASS

I THOUGHT THAT IF I IMPROVED IT EVEN MORE
IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ADVANCE THE INVESTIGATION
SO THAT WITHOUT BEING CONTROLLED BY HAL, I COULD JUST READ THE ORDERS
...BUT SINCE I HADN'T FINISHED IT YET
WHEN PART OF MY FREE WILL WAS TAKEN AWAY...
I WAS MOSTLY CONTROLLED BY HAL
...IF I HADN'T BEEN, I REALLY WOULDN'T HAVE GONE THIS FAR
...EITHER WAY
I'VE LOST
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THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO PROTECT THE "SPHINX"

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NEURO
THERE WAS THAT HUGE NOISE BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE BELOW...?
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IN THIS SITUATION, I HAD THOUGHT I WOULD KILL EVERYONE BUT...
JUST BEFORE THAT, THE THREAT HAD DISAPPEARED
IT IS UNFORTUNATE BUT DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS HALF WERE KILLED
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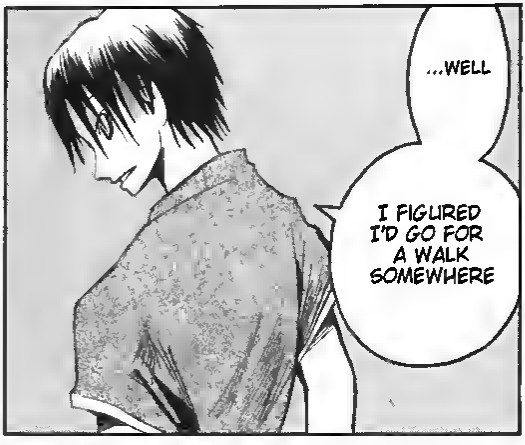
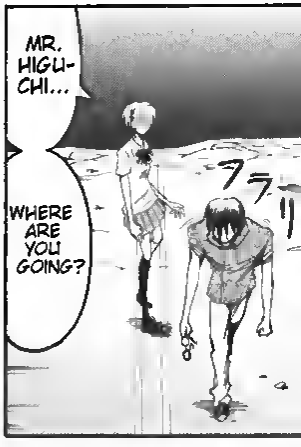
...I THINK
JUST A LITTLE BIT, THAT IT WAS A GOOD THING YOU WERE AFFECTED BY THE ELEC-TRONIC DRUG
...I REALLY SHOULDN'T SAY THIS KIND OF THING BUT...
...BECAUSE I HEARD YOUR TRUE FEELINGS
AND LIVING WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE ABOUT YOUR PAINFUL MEMORIES...
HURTS MORE THAN ANYTHING
YOU DIDN'T COMMIT MURDER
IT WAS JUST AN UNLUCKY ACCIDENT THAT YOU COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN COME AND TALK TO ME ANYTIME!
AND I'LL ALWAYS GIVE YOU THE SAME ANSWER
MR. HIGUCHI, YOU'RE NOT A CRIMINAL

THAT'S PLAYING FOUL, KATSURAGI
WHEN DID YOU SUDDENLY GET COOL LIKE THAT?

HACKING
...AH
IS THAT A CRIME
...WHAT IS THIS

I'VE BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO MY SENSES
EVEN THOUGH THE ELECTRONIC DRUG FELT GOOD


...WELL
I FIGURED I'D GO FOR A WALK SOMEWHERE


MR. HIGUCHI...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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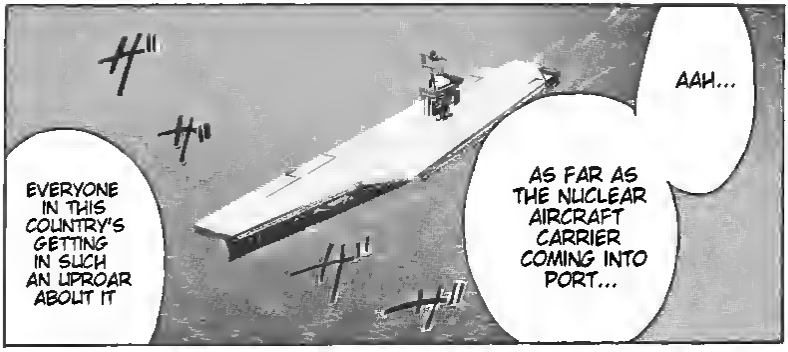
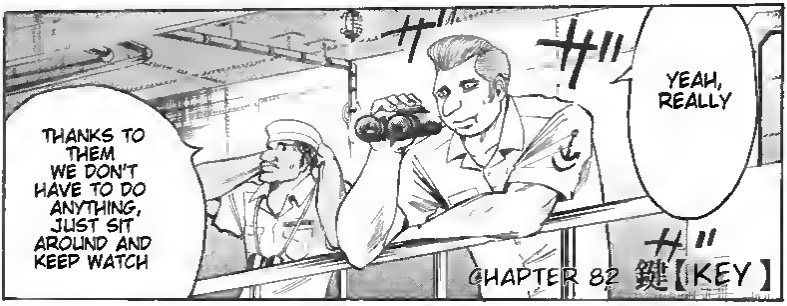
IT'LL BE GOOD TO GO SOBER UP
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE TELEPHONE LINE HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MOUNTAINS...
IF I DID, EITHER WAY IT ISN'T OVER YET, IS IT?
I WOULDN'T WANT TO TELL ANYONE OTHER THAN HAL ABOUT YOU BUT...
YOU REALLY ARE AN AMAZING MONSTER, AREN'T YOU
...AND, NEURO
PROBABLY CAN'T WIN AGAINST HAL ANYMORE
EVEN YOU...
...BUT

I FOLLOWED HAL'S ORDERS FAITHFULLY
IF THE "SPHINX" IS DESTROYED, YOU CAN JUST DO IT LIKE THAT
HAVE LOST POWER AND CAN'T MOVE, RIGHT?
THE VEHICLE, AND THE COMPUTER TOO...
AND TO INCREASE HAL'S TIME
TO STOP TIME FOR YOU
NAMELY
WHEN YOU GET BACK TO THE CITY...
HAL WILL HAVE BECOME INVINCIBLE
.....

GOOD WORK, HIGUCHI YUUYA!!
YOU DID THE JOB AS I HAD HOPED...
TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE...
AND WITH THIS, I AM A LOT CLOSER TO MY GOAL!
IN THE WORLD BETWEEN ZERO AND ONE!!

WASHIO SECRETLY APPEARS AGAIN





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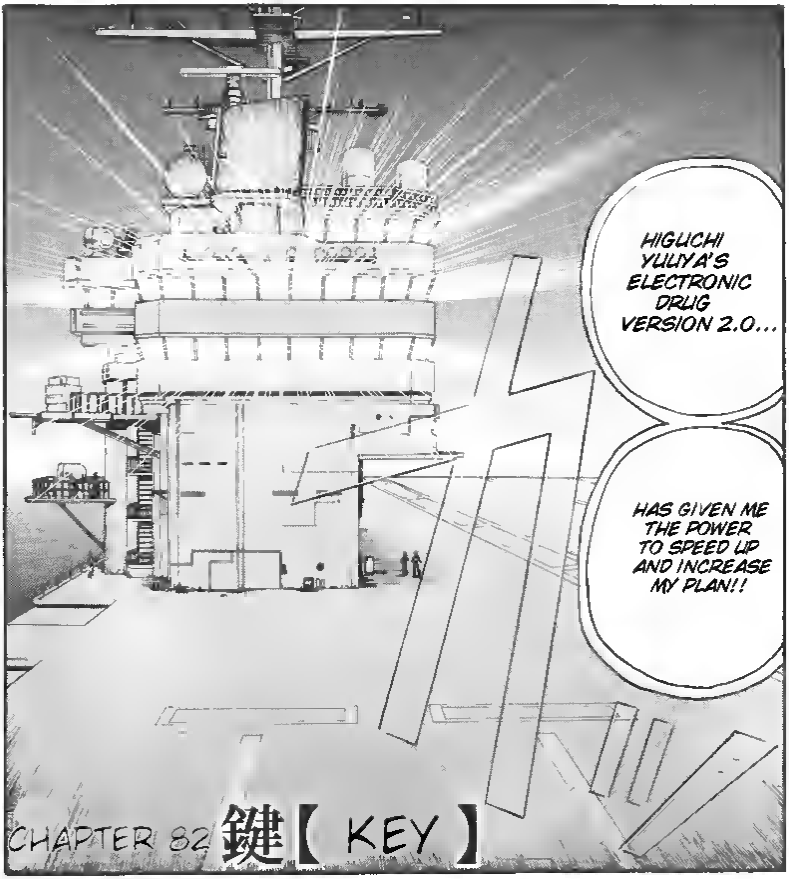

COMBINED WITH MY WORK, VERSION 1.0
...IT SHOWS ITS GREATEST POWER!!
IT IS A ROUGH AND INCOMPLETE CREATION BUT
IT ACTS FASTER THAN ANYTHING ELSE

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AT ANY RATE, I JUST SHOW THEM VERSION 2.0 AND THEIR MOVEMENTS STOP...
AND THEN JUST SLOWLY TRAIN THEM WITH VERSION 1.0
IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THEM TO COMMIT ADDITIONAL CRIMES
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IT WAS TROUBLESOME UNTIL THEY WERE BRAINWASHED
THE LENGTH OF TIME VERSION 1.0 COULD CONTROL PEOPLE FOR WAS FLEXIBLE BUT...
IN OTHER WORDS
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IT CAN'T MANAGE TO SIMPLY GIVE ORDERS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME BUT
THAT IS COVERED BY VERSION 2.0, WHICH TAKES EFFECT QUICKLY
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ゴゥン...
I HAD PLANNED TO TAKE THE TIME TO CONTROL THEM WHILE THE SHIP ARRIVED IN PORT BUT...
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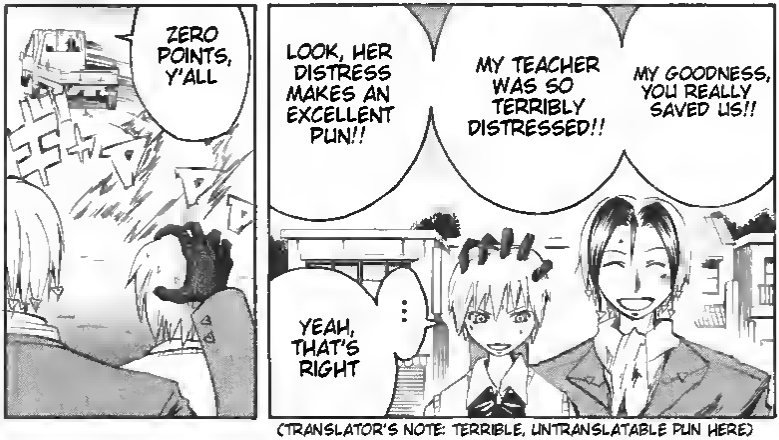
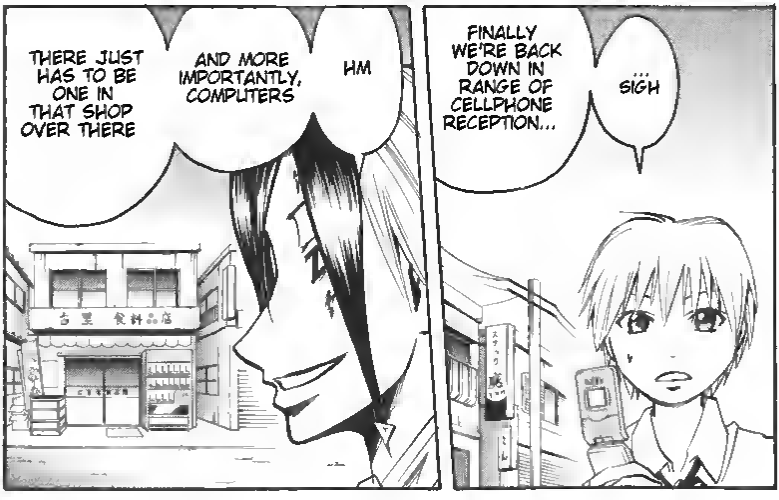
EVEN THIS PROCESS IS ABBREVIATED!!

...AND NOW
COMPLETELY SUBDUED
SHALL WE ADVANCE TO THE FORMALITIES OF MOVING IN
THIS SHIP...
IS ALREADY MY HOME

BUT, Y'ALL
WHAT WERE YA DOIN' IN THEM MOUNTAINS?
IF'N I HADN'T BEEN RIDIN' UP THEM PEAKS, THERE'S NO WAY Y'ALL WOULDA GOTTEN DOWN HERE


ZERO POINTS, Y'ALL
LOOK, HER DISTRESS MAKES AN EXCELLENT PUN!!
MY TEACHER WAS SO TERRIBLY DISTRESSED!!
MY GOODNESS, YOU REALLY SAVED US!!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT

(TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: TERRIBLE, UNTRANSLATABLE PUN HERE)


THERE JUST HAS TO BE ONE IN THAT SHOP OVER THERE
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, COMPUTERS
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FINALLY WE'RE BACK DOWN IN RANGE OF CELLPHONE RECEPTION...
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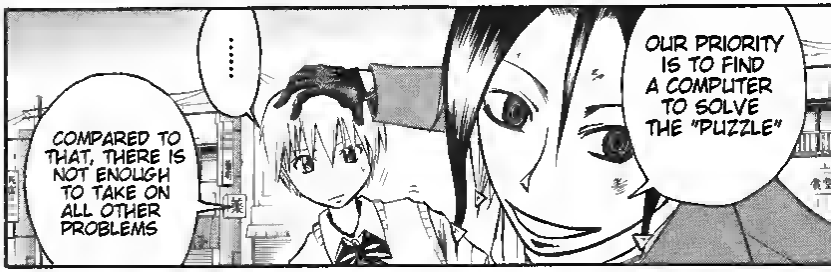
MORE THAN ANY-THING .
WHAT HIGUCHI SAID ABOUT HAL'S PLANS
ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE ...
THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I HAD TO TELL THEM
HE'S TAKING OVER THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER!!
I DO UNDER-STAND THE GENERAL LEVEL OF DANGER IN THIS PLAN
...BUT FROM THE WAY THE WORDS SOUND...
THE NAME OF THAT WEAPON ISN'T FAMILIAR TO ME

IS FINISHED INSERTING MY HALF-FINISHED BRAIN-WASHING
PROBABLY HAL...
SINCE THE ELEC-TRONIC DRUG I MADE TAKES OVER WITH GREATER SPEED
I WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ISOLATING NEURO'S INTERFERENCE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE MOUNTAINS SO HE COULDN'T GET IN
EVEN THOUGH I GOT ORDERS THROUGH THE ELEC TRONIC DRUG
THERE ARE PARTS OF THE PLAN HE DIDN'T TELL ME
AAAH, HE'LL PROBABLY BE MAD...
THAT GUY
.....
YOU'LL HAVE TO LET MR. USUI KNOW ABOUT THIS FOR NOW
I'M SORRY KATSURAGI, BUT

DO IT LATER

UMM...
FIRST OF ALL, TO CALL MR. USUI...
AND BEFORE THAT, CALL AN AMBULANCE FOR ALL THOSE INJURED PEOPLE
SEEMS LIKE I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING ABOUT THE CAR...


OUR PRIORITY IS TO FIND A COMPUTER TO SOLVE THE "PUZZLE"
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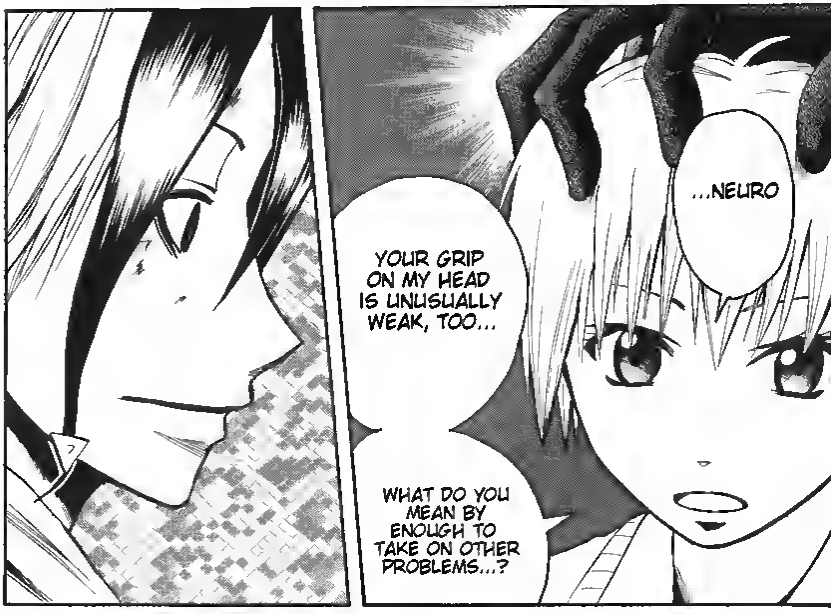
COMPARED TO THAT, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TO TAKE ON ALL OTHER PROBLEMS


...NEURO
YOUR GRIP ON MY HEAD IS UNUSUALLY WEAK, TOO...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ENOUGH TO TAKE ON OTHER PROBLEMS...?

OW OW OW OW OW!!
THERE'S ENOUGH FOR IT TO HURT!!
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社員証
EXCEL-LENT
カチャリ
THERE IS A COMPUTER HERE FOR BUSINESS USE
I MUST BREAK IN QUICKLY
EVEN BEING LATE LIKE THIS
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IT SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS THE "PUZZLE" IS STRIPPED BARE

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...PFT
TOO LATE
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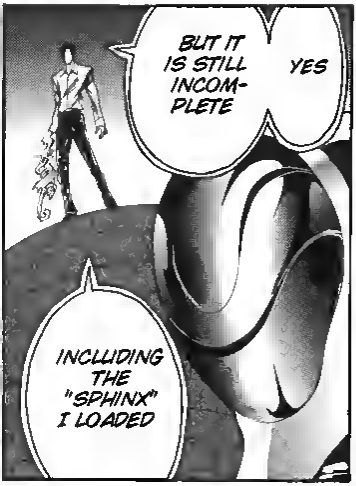
IT WAS A NARROW ESCAPE
I JUST FINISHED INSTALLING...
THE NEW "SPHINX"
HELLO, NEURO
PERHAPS HIGUCHI YULIYA TOLD YOU
ABOUT THE "SPHINX" I SET UP THIS TIME
...!!

THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER OSWALD
HAS A SUPER-COMPUTER THAT COVERS EVERYTHING FROM AIR DEFENSE TO FLIGHT CONTROL BY ITSELF
IN TERMS OF PERFORMANCE, IT NOW HAS BEEN IMPROVED IN THE ONE THING IT LACKED BEFORE
INSIDE THIS SHIP THERE IS AN ESTABLISHED PLACE TO SHOOT DOWN MISSILES, TOO
CAN EVEN YOU...
DESTROY ME SO EASILY?


BUT IT IS STILL INCOM-PLETE
YES
INCLUDING THE "SPHINX" I LOADED

IN THE REAL WORLD AND THE ONLINE WORLD
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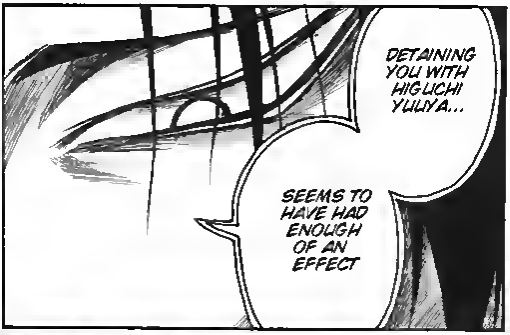
YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ATTACK IN BOTH, IS THAT WHAT IT IS


DETAINING YOU WITH HIGUCHI YUUYA...
SEEMS TO HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF AN EFFECT

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TRUE, IT IS NOT YET FULLY FINISHED INSTALLING
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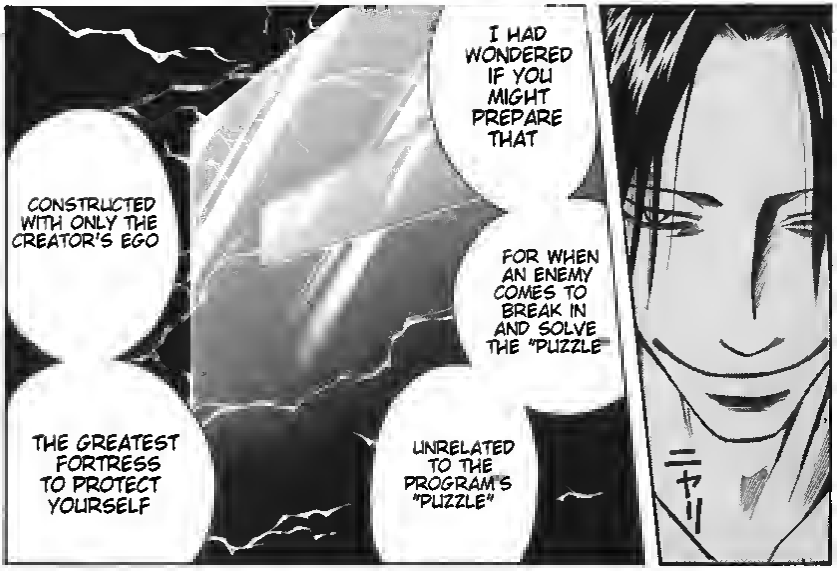
...DESPITE THAT, IF YOU TAKE A LOOK, THERE IS NOWHERE YOU CAN GET IN AN ATTACK ...

NOT ONLY THAT
BUT ONLY NOW THAT YOUR DEFENSE IS INCOMPLETE...
I CAN FAINTLY SEE IT
THE FINAL BARRIER WAITING BEHIND THE "SPHINX"


I HAD WONDERED IF YOU MIGHT PREPARE THAT
FOR WHEN AN ENEMY COMES TO BREAK IN AND SOLVE THE "PUZZLE"
UNRELATED TO THE PROGRAM'S "PUZZLE"
CONSTRUCTED WITH ONLY THE CREATOR'S EGO
THE GREATEST FORTRESS TO PROTECT YOURSELF
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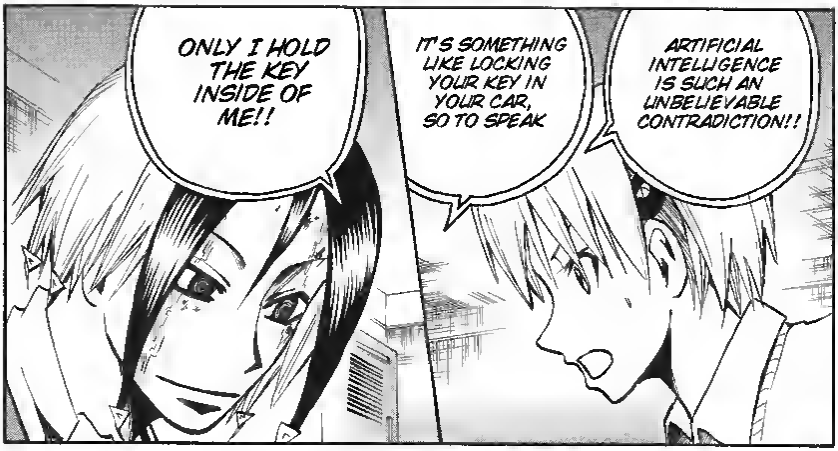
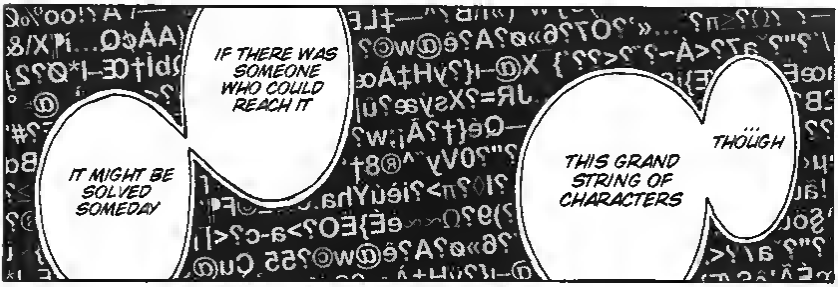
THIS FINAL ACCESS PASS-WORD...
IS A STRING OF CHARACTERS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE, THAT HARUKAWA EISUKE CAME UP WITH AND INSTALLED TO KEEP ME FROM BEING USED RECKLESSLY
PASSWORD ENTRY
PRECISELY
A WELL-KNOWN...
ARE HARU-KAWA AND MYSELF
THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW IT...

AND I KILLED HARUKAWA!!
IN OTHER WORDS
NOBODY KNOWS THE PASSWORD BUT ME!!


ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS SUCH AN UNBELIEVABLE CONTRADICTION!!
IT'S SOMETHING LIKE LOCKING YOUR KEY IN YOUR CAR, SO TO SPEAK
ONLY I HOLD THE KEY INSIDE OF ME!!


THOUGH...
THIS GRAND STRING OF CHARACTERS
IF THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO COULD REACH IT
IT MIGHT BE SOLVED SOMEDAY

EVEN USING IT AS A COUNTER-MEASURE...
...HM
THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER
THE ONLY ONE WHO HELD THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE PASSWORD WAS HARUKAWA
...ASIDE FROM THAT...
I FEEL COUNTER-MEASURES SO THAT IT CAN'T BE BROKEN ARE NECESSARY
open
open
...PERHAPS YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT WILL HAPPEN
EXACTLY
IF THE PASSWORD IS ENTERED INCORRECTLY EVEN ONCE
I CAN CHANGE THE SETTINGS ON THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER
AS THE WORST PENALTY THAT COULD OCCUR...

YOU'LL HAVE TO PARDON ME FOR A MOMENT
...NOW THEN
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE READY
WAIT IN FRONT OF A SCREEN...
FOR THAT MOMENT
...EVEN SIMPLY WATCH A TV
...READY?
A FUSS WILL BE MADE HERE AND THERE
THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER CEASED CONTACT ABOUT NOW...
I HAVE TO GO REASSURE THEM

...HE LEFT
...BUT NEURO, ARE EVEN YOU OKAY WITH THIS?
IF WE FAIL EVEN ONCE AT THE PASSWORD...
PERHAPS YOU ALREADY UNDERSTAND, YAKO
MAYBE
YOU WILL SOLVE IT

...NOW NOW, CALM DOWN
PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE
...SURELY THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!!
WE STILL CAN'T CONTACT THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER!?
IT'S JUST THAT IT'S UNLUCKY SINCE I WAS INAUGURATED SO QUICKLY
ANYWAY, IT'S ONLY A LITTLE BIT OF TROUBLE
PRIME MINISTER
MIGITSUMA TAKANOJOU
LOOK AT THIS CALM SUNNY MORNING!!
THIS MAKES ME WANT TO LEAVE ALL MY PROBLEMS FOR LATER
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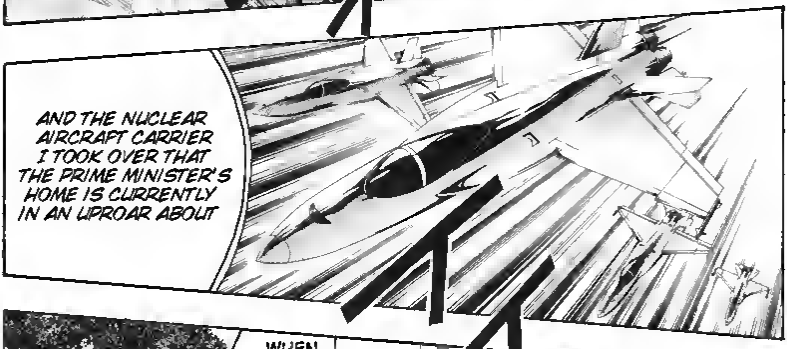
AS A POLITICIAN, MAYBE I CAN PAINT THE PICTURE OF MY DREAMS...
ACROSS THIS BLUE CLOUDLESS SKY...

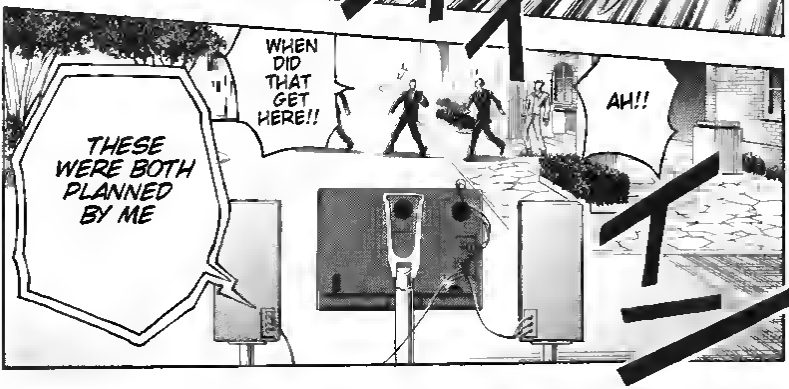
GOOD MORNING, PRIME MINISTER
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

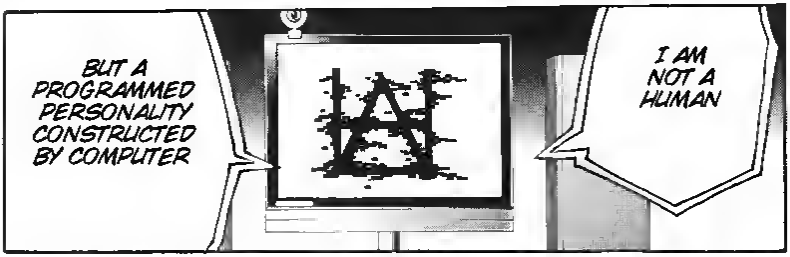
THREE KILOMETERS FROM STARTING POINT

ALREADY HIS MUSCLES HURT SO MUCH THAT HE CAN'T MOVE

HE GETS PICKED UP BY A HIGH-SPEED RACER







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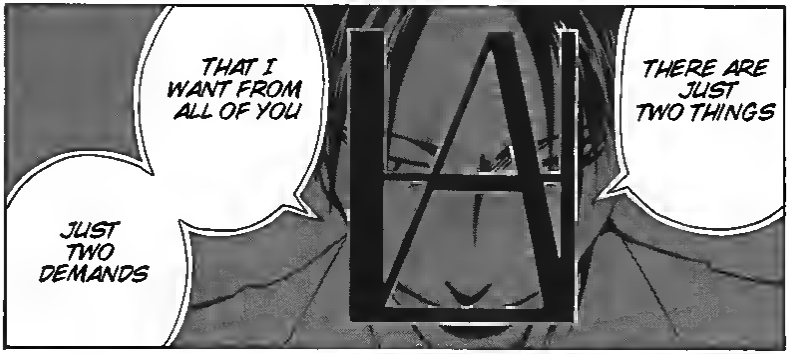
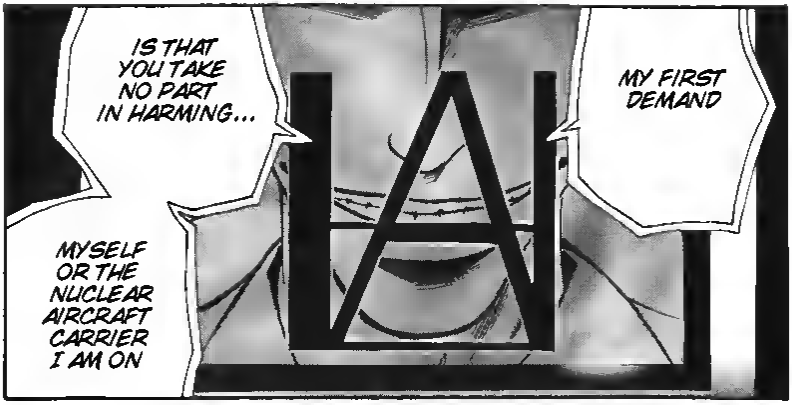
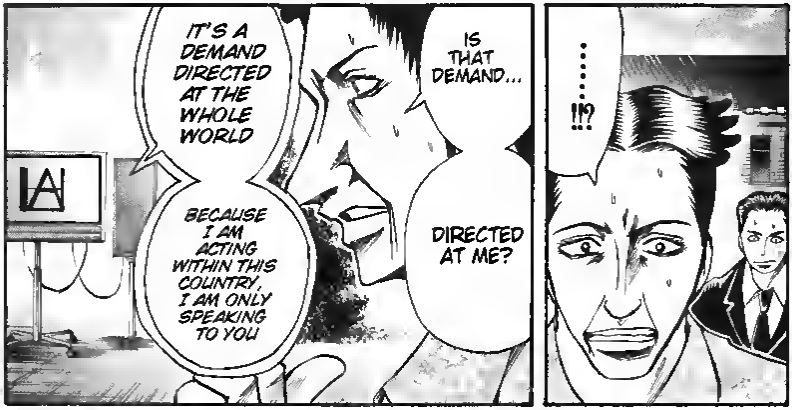
MY NAME IS HAL...
"ELECTRONIC PERSON" HAL!!
CHAPTER 83 求【 DEMANDS 】


THERE ARE JUST TWO THINGS
THAT I WANT FROM ALL OF YOU
JUST TWO DEMANDS

COMMANDER, CALM DOWN!!
W-W-W-W-WHERE, WHERE IS IT!!
HE TOOK OVER THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER!?
H-H-H-H-H-H-H
IN THE DEEPEST PART OF TOKYO BAY
IT'S...
IT INFILTRATED THE DOWNTOWN AREA BEFORE OUR EYES
CALM DOWN COMMANDER!!
HEEEEEEE-EEEEEEEEE-EEEEE!!


IS THAT YOU TAKE NO PART IN HARMING...
MYSELF OR THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER I AM ON
MY FIRST DEMAND


IT'S A DEMAND DIRECTED AT THE WHOLE WORLD
BECAUSE I AM ACTING WITHIN THIS COUNTRY, I AM ONLY SPEAKING TO YOU
IS THAT DEMAND...
DIRECTED AT ME?
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...IN SHORT, IF THEY ATTACK YOU
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?
...IF THAT'S THE CASE, I CAN'T GIVE YOU A REPLY ON MY OWN
IF THE OTHER COUNTRIES WON'T ACCEPT THIS DEMAND

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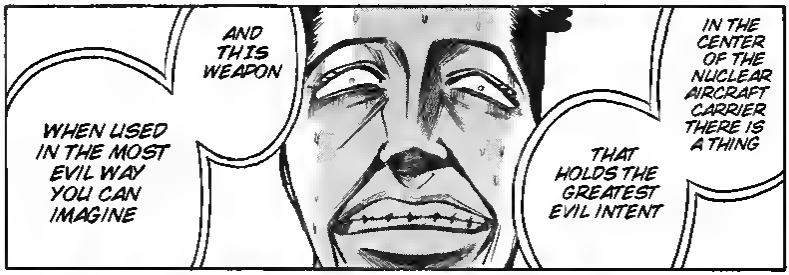
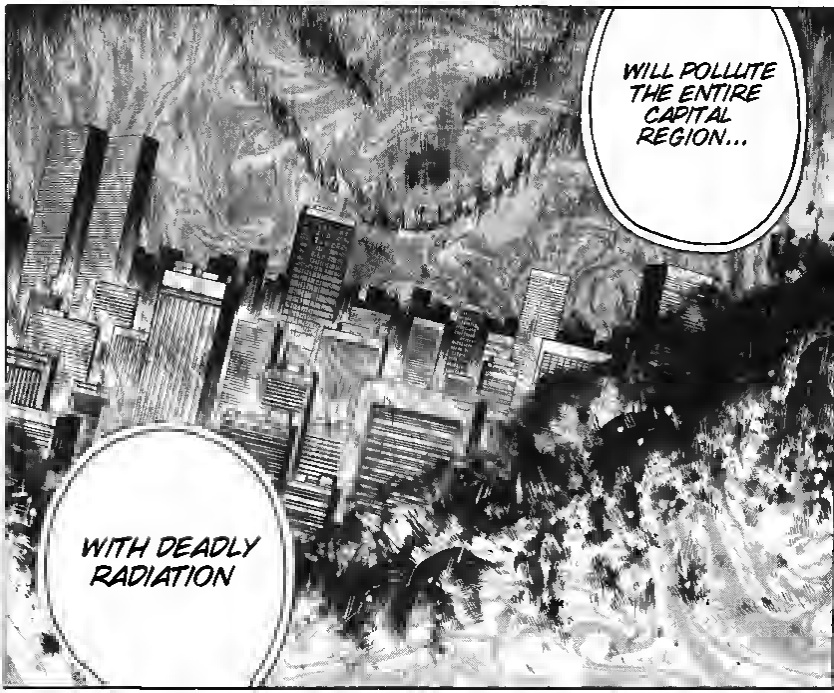
...THIS
I CAN JUST MAKE A COUNTERATTACK WITH THE ORDINARY WEAPONS ON AUTOPILOT FROM THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER
...HOWEVER, IF YOU...
ATTEMPT TO COME AFTER ME STILL

IN THE BAY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA
IF YOU HAVE EVEN THE LEAST LITTLE BIT OF INTELLIGENCE, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT


AND THIS WEAPON
WHEN USED IN THE MOST EVIL WAY YOU CAN IMAGINE
IN THE CENTER OF THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER THERE IS A THING
THAT HOLDS THE GREATEST EVIL INTENT


WILL POLLUTE THE ENTIRE CAPITAL REGION...
WITH DEADLY RADIATION

PRIME MINISTER!!
THIS IMAGE IS ALL OVER THE LANDLINES TOO...
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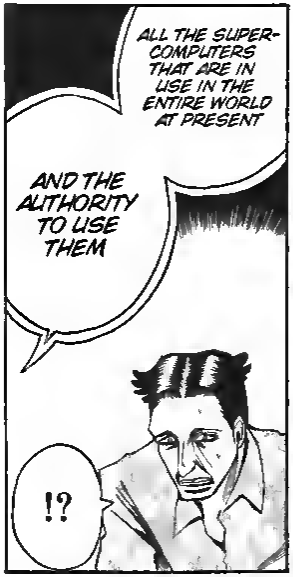
WHAT...


ALL THE SUPER-COMPUTERS THAT ARE IN USE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD AT PRESENT
AND THE AUTHORITY TO USE THEM
!?

...AND MY OTHER DEMAND IS
THAT I WANT TO BE GIVEN...

AND FOR THIS...
IT IS VITAL THAT I MERGE WITH OTHER POWERFUL COMPUTERS
I WANT TO UPGRADE MY OWN PERFORMANCE MORE STILL

I WILL IMMEDIATELY LOCATE ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THIS
...TO GIVE THEM A TASTE OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
WILL IMMEDIATELY BE BROUGHT TO THIS AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO BE CONNECTED
HOWEVER MANY SUPER-COMPUTERS I CHOOSE TO RESERVE...
FROM OUTSIDE SUPER-COMPUTERS
I ALSO FORBID ALL INTER-FERENCE...
IF THE ABOVE DEMANDS ARE MET...
I WILL NOT HARM YOU AT PRESENT!!
IT'S A PROMISE, HUMANS

.....
RIDICULOUS...
SWALLOWING THOSE TWO DEMANDS....
WILL PLUNGE THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD INTO CHAOS!!
.....
YES OR NO
SHOW ME THE ANSWER WITH YOUR ACTIONS
I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY NEGOTIATION
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7"
I'LL BE WAITING...
FOR YOUR GOOD BEHAVIOR
...WHAT'S GOING ON...

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…NE-URO…
HIS WOUNDS UP UNTIL NOW…
IN A SINGLE BREATH…!!

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I SEEM TO HAVE RUN OUT OF DAEMONIC POWER
I CAN NO LONGER COVER THE DETERI-ORATION OF MY BODILY STRENGTH
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IF I DEVOURED THIS GIANT "PUZZLE"
I WOULD GAIN AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF DAEMONIC POWER BUT...
IT IS A DILEMMA
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE DAEMONIC POWER TO THE LIMIT FOR THAT
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15 EP
22 EP
331 EP
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NEURO'S BODY IS REALLY, REALLY...
PAST ITS LIMITS
.....IT'S CLEARLY DIFFERENT THAN IT HAS BEEN UNTIL NOW

IT ENDS UP THAT THE ENEMY CAN BARELY TOUCH ME
WHEN I ADD JUST A LITTLE TO THE PENALTY
NOT ONLY A SUDDEN ILLEGAL OCCUPATION, BUT ALSO A WEAK PASSWORD
I WONDER IF YOU UNDER-STAND, NEURO?
!!

AT LEAST GIVE US SOMETHING
LIKE
WE DON'T EVEN GET A HINT!?

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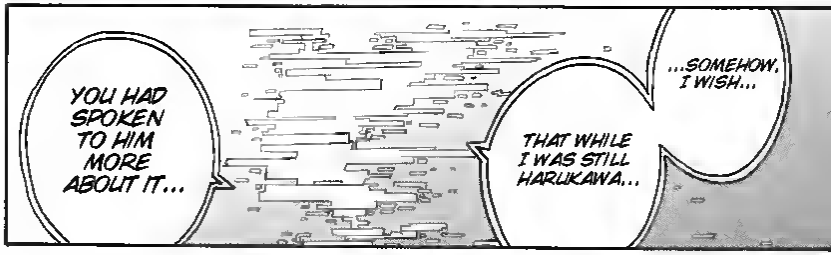
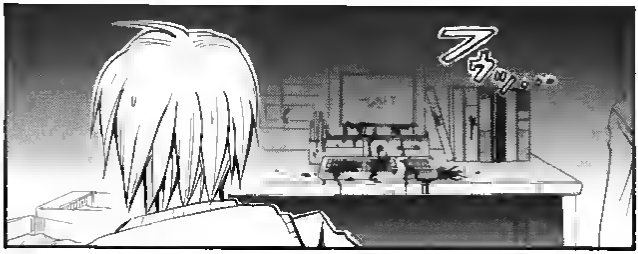
THAT'S ...
WE CAN'T MAKE EVEN ONE MISTAKE...
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE COULD POSSIBLY GET IT!!

KATSURAGI YAKO
YOU ARE A PUPPET IN ALL WAYS
IT WOULD BE TO THE ENEMY'S ADVANTAGE TO ASK FOR A HINT
IN THE END...
YOU CANNOT EVEN GET TO THE PASSWORD INPUT SCREEN
SINCE THE INSTALLATION OF THE "SPHINX" IS COMPLETE
THIS SPHINX IS, THEREFORE, PROTECTING THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER
.....!!
THE PASSWORD IS MY GOAL - THAT IS ALL
AND IF I TOLD YOU NOW, YOU WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND
AN ORDINARY PERSON COULD PROBABLY NEVER UNDERSTAND

FAREWELL, CHILD OF THE NEURON
YOU TRULY WERE MY STRONGEST ENEMY...

...SPEAKING OF WHICH, NEURO
YOUR CHANCES HAVE DIS-APPEARED
GIVE UP ON DEVOURING MY "PUZZLE"


YOU HAD SPOKEN TO HIM MORE ABOUT IT...
THAT WHILE I WAS STILL HARUKAWA...
...SOMEHOW, I WISH...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.....?
...I EXPECTED IT
IF I TRIED A NUMBER OF WAYS...
BUT THAT WAS A TWO-DIMENSIONAL THING INSIDE THE PROGRAM
IT WAS NOT DIFFICULT TO GET THROUGH
I WAS ALWAYS BREAKING THROUGH A TYPE OF CODE OR PASSWORD
TO GO TO THAT PLACE WHERE HE IS
IS A CASE OF IT BEING SET ACCORDING TO THE CREATOR'S EMOTIONS
BUT IF THIS
IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PASS THROUGH

IT WAS FAR FROM MEANING-LESS
THAT I THOUGHT TO BRING YOU AROUND WITH ME, THOUGH YOU HAVE NO FIGHTING ABILITY
IT WAS FAR FROM MEANINGLESS THAT I COVERED YOU FROM ENEMY ATTACKS
I THOUGHT TO HAVE YOU MEET WITH HAL AND THE ELECTRONIC DRUG ADDICTS
TENDS TO BE FILLED WITH SOME MEANINGFUL EMOTION
AN IMPORTANT PASSWORD...
PASS WORD
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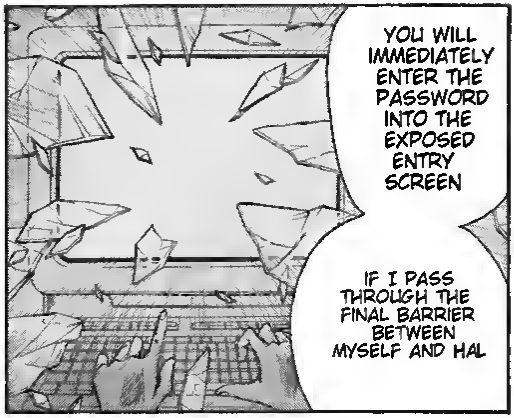
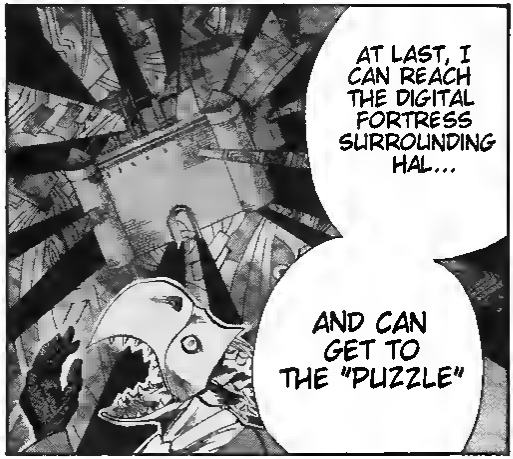
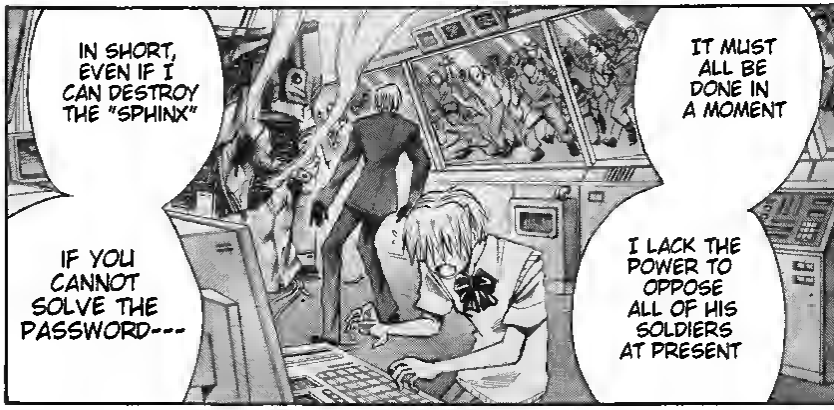
ENTER
GOLF
A SET PLAN
HE LET OUT TO US THAT THE PASSWORD IS HIS GOAL
AS YOU KNOW, A DAEMON SUCH AS MYSELF...
CANNOT PREDICT THIS AREA OF THE HUMAN MENTALITY
MUCH LESS RAISE A HAND WHEN THERE IS ONLY A SINGLE CHANCE

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WILL SOLVE IT, YAKO
WITH THE CLUES GAINED FROM YOUR EXPERIENCES UP UNTIL NOW
I WILL BE LIKE THIS
UNTIL IT SEEMS LIKE I CAN AT LEAST MOVE
IT WILL BE THREE DAYS UNTIL I HEAL NATURALLY
ME...!!


YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY ENTER THE PASSWORD INTO THE EXPOSED ENTRY SCREEN
IF I PASS THROUGH THE FINAL BARRIER BETWEEN MYSELF AND HAL

AFTER THREE DAYS
WE WILL INFILTRATE THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER OURSELVES
FIRST I SHALL DESTROY THE "SPHINX"


AT LAST, I CAN REACH THE DIGITAL FORTRESS SURROUNDING HAL...
AND CAN GET TO THE "PUZZLE"


IN SHORT, EVEN IF I CAN DESTROY THE "SPHINX"
IF YOU CANNOT SOLVE THE PASSWORD---
IT MUST ALL BE DONE IN A MOMENT
I LACK THE POWER TO OPPOSE ALL OF HIS SOLDIERS AT PRESENT

WE MAY BE TORN INTO SHREDS
BEFORE WE ARE FLOODED WITH RADIOACTIVITY...
THE "KEY"...
YOU HAVE UNTIL THEN TO FIND IT
THREE DAYS
SO THEN
TO UNLOCK ELECTRONIC PERSON HAL
WILL GRANT HAL EVEN MORE TIME
MORE THAN THAT...

THE ILLUSTRATION I HAD PLANNED TO DRAW ON THIS PAGE BUT THAT GOT TURNED DOWN

THERE ARE A FAIR NUMBER OF ILLUSTRATIONS AND SCENES THAT I'M PERSONALLY HAPPY WITH BUT THAT GET TURNED DOWN FOR "ADULT SITUATIONS" AND I'M TOLD TO CHANGE. IF ONLY I COULD INTRODUCE ONE SOMEDAY..... IS THAT SO IMPOSSIBLE...

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EVEN "NOW" WILL BE A "MEMORY" SOMEDAY

CHAPTER 84 独【YAKO】

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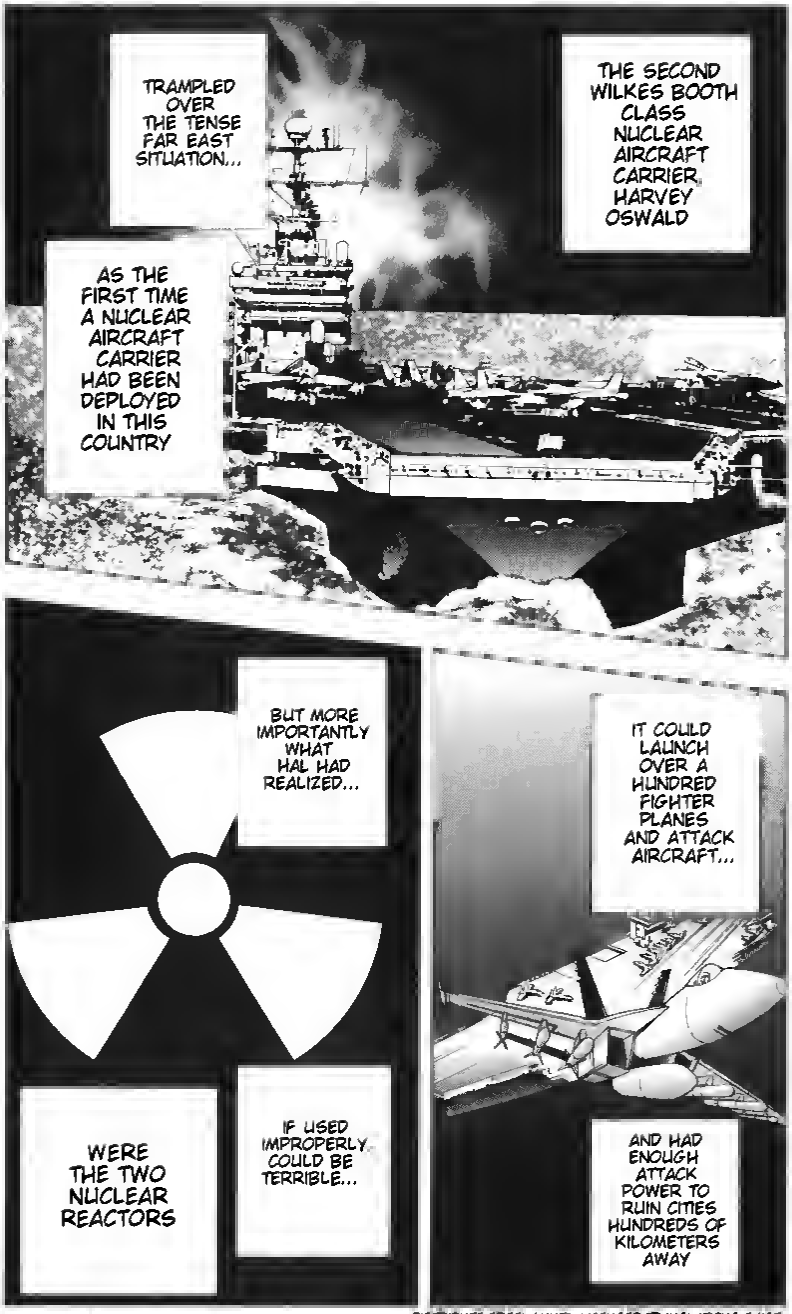
TRAMPLED OVER THE TENSE FAR EAST SITUATION...
THE SECOND WILKES BOOTH CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER, HARVEY OSWALD
AS THE FIRST TIME A NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER HAD BEEN DEPLOYED IN THIS COUNTRY
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT HAL HAD REALIZED...
IT COULD LAUNCH OVER A HUNDRED FIGHTER PLANES AND ATTACK AIRCRAFT...
WERE THE TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS
IF USED IMPROPERLY COULD BE TERRIBLE...
AND HAD ENOUGH ATTACK POWER TO RUIN CITIES HUNDREDS OF KILOMETERS AWAY

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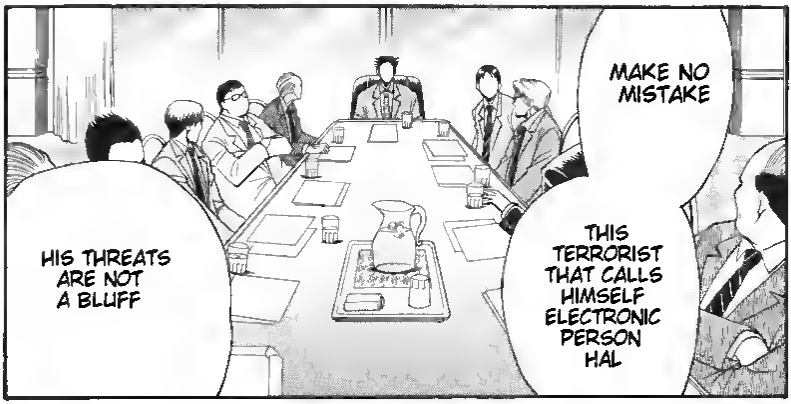
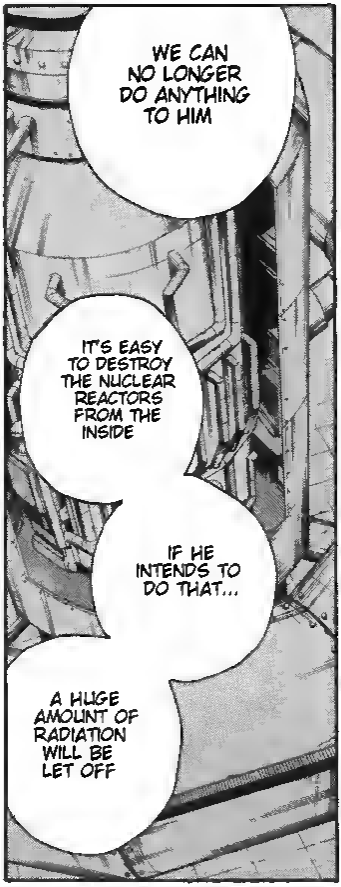
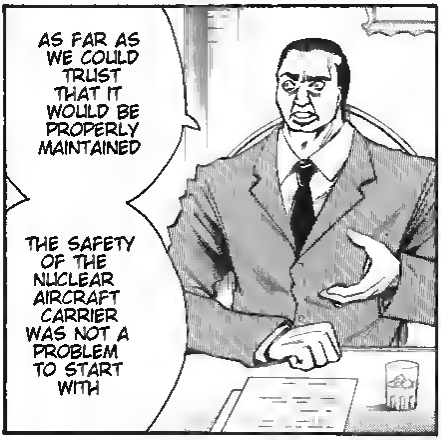

HIS THREATS ARE NOT A BLUFF
MAKE NO MISTAKE
THIS TERRORIST THAT CALLS HIMSELF ELECTRONIC PERSON HAL


WE CAN NO LONGER DO ANYTHING TO HIM
IT'S EASY TO DESTROY THE NUCLEAR REACTORS FROM THE INSIDE
IF HE INTENDS TO DO THAT...
A HUGE AMOUNT OF RADIATION WILL BE LET OFF

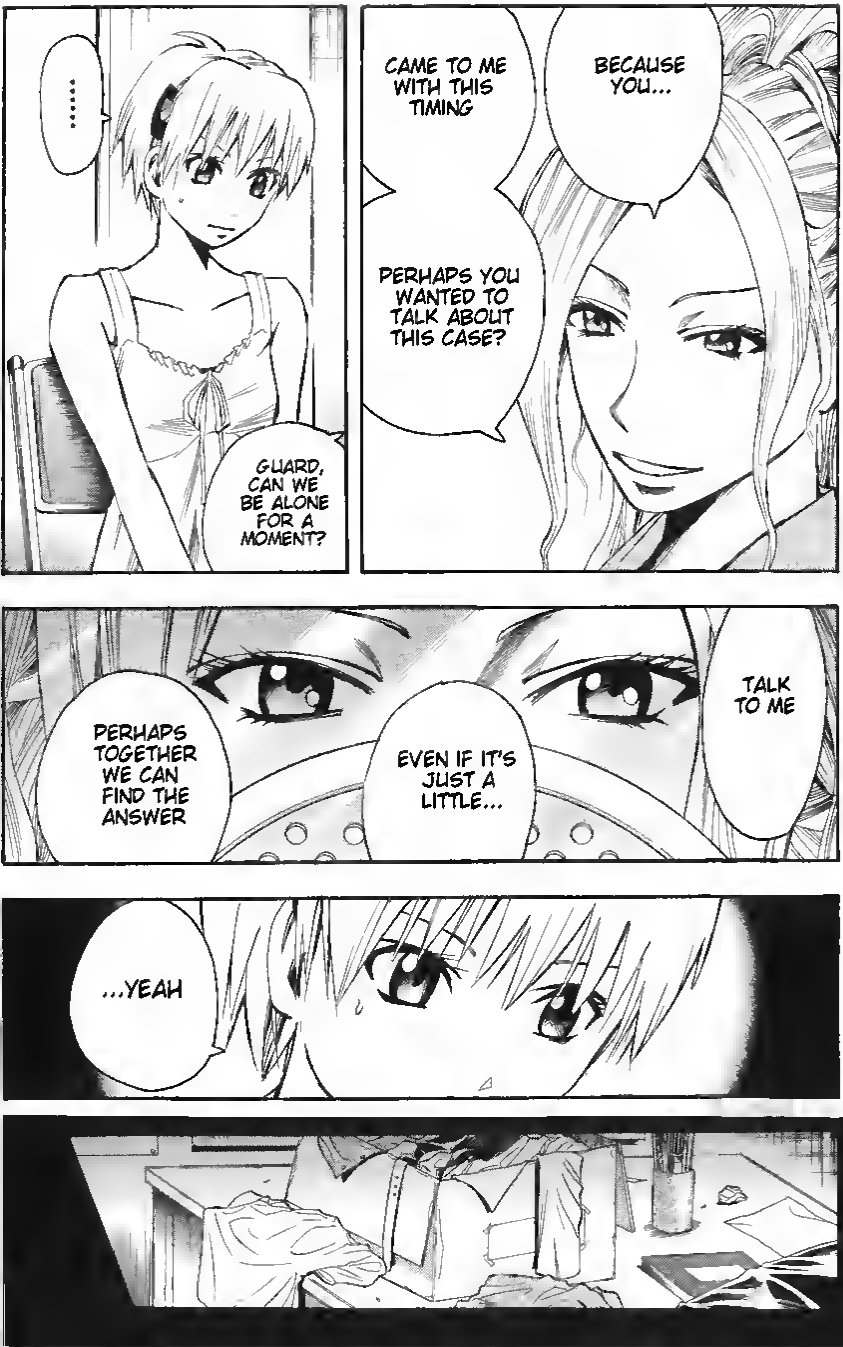

AS FAR AS WE COULD TRUST THAT IT WOULD BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED
THE SAFETY OF THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS NOT A PROBLEM TO START WITH

IN A CASE WHERE THE SHIP HAS FALLEN COMPLETELY INTO THE ENEMY'S HANDS WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTRY
BUT THIS TIME...

...SUCH A THING!!
THE ELECTRONIC DRUG THAT MADE A MESS OF JAPAN TOO...
WAS IT ALL TO PREPARE FOR THIS!!
IF IT WAS EXPLODED, COMBINED WITH THE AMMUNITIONS INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER WITH JUST THAT...
AS WELL AS
EVERYONE HAS TO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION
THE SCALE OF THE VICTIMS WOULD BECOME FAR GREATER
CONSIDERING THE ONE IN CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER...
AND HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE WHOLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HERE
CAN WE REALLY MAKE A DEFINITIVE COUNTER-ATTACK...

THIS WAS THE MORNING OF THE FIRST DAY THAT THEY WERE FROZEN BY THIS UNUSUAL CRIME
THIS COUNTRY...
AND THE WORLD
WAKE UP
IF I TAKE THE TIME TO DO THINGS RIGHT
I CAN TALK TO HER OR SOMETHING
I'M REALLY REALLY TIRED FROM LAST NIGHT...
IF I DON'T FALL ASLEEP RIGHT AWAY IT'LL BE BAD FOR MY HEALTH!
WHAT I SHOULD DO FROM HERE ON
AND THEN MAYBE I CAN WORK OUT JUST A LITTLE

I FEEL COMPLETELY CALM INSIDE
AT THIS KIND OF TIME...
EVEN-ING
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING ON, DOESN'T IT MISS INVESTIGATOR
WHAT DO I DO, AYA!!
MY HOME IS PRACTICALLY RIGHT NEXT TO THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER!!
THERE, THERE
THE CONDO WE BOUGHT ON A WHIM SO THAT WE COULD SEE THE OCEAN!!
...YEAH
...AND NOW
IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS, I SUPPOSE?
HUH?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GUARD, CAN WE BE ALONE FOR A MOMENT?
BECAUSE YOU...
CAME TO ME WITH THIS TIMING
PERHAPS YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THIS CASE?
TALK TO ME
EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE...
PERHAPS TOGETHER WE CAN FIND THE ANSWER
...YEAH

NOW THEN, YAKO
SHALL WE CONFIRM OUR PLANS
...UH, YOU'RE DRESSED CASUAL
DID YOU TAKE THOSE FROM THE STORE?
THAT WOULD BE DISGRACEFUL
SAY THAT I AM BORROWING WITHOUT RETURNING THEM
THERE IS NO HELP FOR IT IN THIS CASE
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THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DAEMONIC POWER LEFT TO REPAIR MY CLOTHING
IN THE THREE DAYS FROM NOW...
I WILL PRIMARILY FOCUS ON RESTORING MY DAEMONIC POWER
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YOU HAVE UNTIL THEN...
AT LEAST THAT MUCH TIME TO FIND A POTENTIAL PASSWORD

AT THE VERY LEAST I AND PERHAPS YOU...
IT IS NECESSARY TO PHYSICALLY DESTROY...
MUST GET TO THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER
THE "SPHINX" INSIDE IT
.....
I HAVE NOT YET EVEN TOUCHED THE BODY OF THE "PUZZLE"
AS THE PROGRAM SCRAMBLES FOR LIFE...
I WILL BEGIN TO DEVOUR THE "PUZZLE"
DESTROY THE "SPHINX" AND AFTER THAT BREAK THROUGH THE FINAL PASSWORD
COMPLETE THOSE TWO TASKS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME...

WAIT...
BECAUSE...
WHY ARE YOU LEAVING THAT TO ME!?
IF I...
CAN'T GET THE PASS-WORD AT ALL
IF I TELL YOU THE WRONG ANSWER
ERROR
NOT JUST THE RADIATION...
BEING SCATTERED EVERYWHERE
BUT YOU'LL BE KILLED BY HAL'S SERVANTS TOO!!
WE SHALL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN WE COME TO IT
IF THOSE PLANS ARE MADE IN ERROR...
I HAVE PLANNED AS MUCH AS IS POSSIBLE TO DEVOUR THE "PUZZLE"
YOU MAY SAY THAT I HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY THE "PUZZLE"

LIVING IN THE SAME WORLD WITH THE "PUZZLES" I HAVE GROWN TIRED OF SOLVING AND
LETTING MY BRAIN HUNGER CANNOT BE ALLOWED
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM
I AM THE MAN WHO FINISHED DEVOURING THE "PUZZLES" OF THE DAEMON WORLD
I HAVE SENT THE IMAGE OF THE PASSWORD SCREEN TO THE OFFICE
THINK CAREFULLY FOR THREE DAYS
SEARCH FOR THE TRUE ANSWER TO IT

.....WHY?
UP UNTIL NOW HE DID EVERYTHING BY HIMSELF!!
.....
YET WHY, WHEN HE'S RISKING HIS OWN LIFE...
EVEN SUDDENLY...
WOULD HE SUDDENLY LEAVE IT TO ME?
TELLING ME TO SEARCH FOR AN IMPORTANT WORD RELATED TO HAL AS THE PASSWORD OR SOMETHING
HOW SHOULD I KNOW WHAT IT IS!!

WHEN YOU WANT TO BRING FORTH THE ANSWER INSIDE YOURSELF
YOU DECIDE TO COME MEET ME...
TO SOME EXTENT
THAT YOU HOLD THE ABILITY TO REACH
EVEN THOUGH YOUR ASSISTANT HOLDS SUPERHUMAN POWER, THERE ARE PLACES HE CANNOT REACH...
I THINK HIS PLAN IS VERY RATIONAL BUT
HE SAID IT, DIDN'T HE
THAT HE FINDS YOUR STRENGTH NECESSARY

AND I THINK YOU ARE THE ONE WHO CAN SOLVE IT
IT CAN'T BE SOLVED BY YOUR ASSISTANT...
YES
IT WOULD BE THE SAME
IF I WERE TO DECIDE ON A PASSWORD...
AN IMPORTANT WORD INSIDE MYSELF
THIS KIND OF...
SUCH A GOAL THAT HE COMMITS CRIMES THAT CAUSE SO MUCH SUFFERING TO SO MANY PEOPLE...
THE FACT IS THAT I COULDN'T POSSIBLY...
B-
BUT HAL...
SAID THAT THE PASSWORD IS HIS CRIMINAL GOAL
HE SAID AN ORDINARY PERSON WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT
...BESIDES

I MADE ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE SUFFER
HAD LOTS OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY
MISS INVEST-IGATOR
THE TWO PEOPLE I KILLED
BUT THAT'S THE NATURE OF CRIME
...I DIDN'T INTEND TO
ONE PERSON'S EGO THROWS MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES INTO CHAOS
I HAD TO MAKE AMENDS TO ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE
.....!?
MISS AYA
I WANT TO BE ALONE IN THE WORLD
THAT WAS ALL I WANTED

TRY TO THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY ONCE MORE, MISS INVESTIGATOR
IF YOU HAVE THE CRIMINAL'S MOTIVE PREDETERMINED AS A COMPLEX THING...
YOU MAY LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT
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THE GOAL
IN OTHER WORDS, THE MOTIVE
THE MOTIVE THAT BROUGHT FORTH THE DESIRE
IF YOU INVESTIGATE THAT, IT'S YOUR STRONG POINT AND WILL BE SIMPLE

THANK YOU, MISS AYA!!
I'M REALLY GLAD I CAME TO TALK WITH YOU!!
I'LL BE GOING NOW!!
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...YEAH
I UNDER-STAND
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...SOMEHOW, I...
HAVE THE FEELING I CAN DO THIS NOW!!
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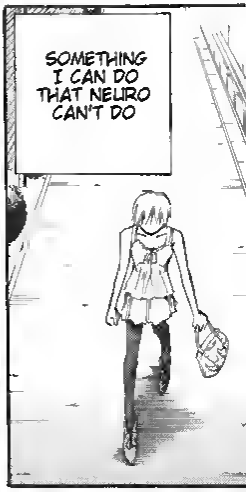
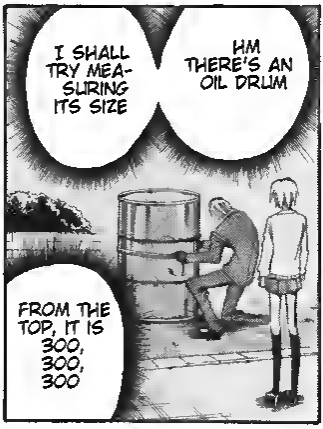
MISS INVES-TIGATOR
.....GOOD LUCK
...SURE
PLEASE DON'T COME SO CLOSE
WHEN IT'S LIKE THIS I'M SO SCARED THAT I CAN'T GET CLOSE TO MY OWN HOME!!
AYA!!
SING A SONG TO MAKE ME FEEL MORE COURAG-EOUS!!

WAS THAT GENERALIZING OF A POWERFUL DAEMON'S CHARACTERISTICS
I'VE ONLY SEEN NEURO AS COMPLETELY WITHOUT WEAKNESSES BUT...
HE'S ONLY POOR AT READING THE INTRICACIES OF HUMAN EMOTION


SOMETHING I CAN DO THAT NEURO CAN'T DO

YAKO!!
IT IS ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS!!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, HE HAS NO DELICACY


I SHALL TRY MEASURING ITS SIZE
HM THERE'S AN OIL DRUM
FROM THE TOP, IT IS 300, 300, 300

AND HE WAS AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THINGS WHO KNOWS HOW MANY TIMES
NEURO SAW THROUGH THE CRIMINAL'S MOTIVE CLEARLY
EVEN IN THE CASES UNTIL NOW

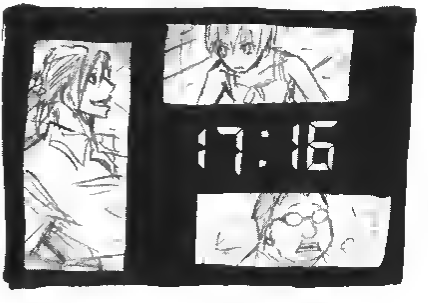
THE PASSWORD HAS TO BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT
IN MOST CASES, TO KNOW IT
YOU HAVE TO KNOW THE PERSON THEMSELF VERY VERY WELL
A FAV-ORITE WORD
A FAVORITE STRING OF CHARACTERS
THAT IS WHAT NEURO CAN'T DO
HE CAN'T FORESEE THAT
THERE'S NO MISTAKE THAT'S WHY HE GOT ME INVOLVED WITH HAL
HE PUT HIS CONFIDENCE IN MY STRENGTH

KNOWING THAT, WHAT WAS HAL THINKING OF...?
...THEN
LIFE
MY GOAL IS THE SAME AS HARUKAWA'S
EVEN IF IT IS IN THE WORLD BETWEEN ONE AND ZERO. LIFE.
IF HIS GOAL IS THE SAME...
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MEANT BY JUST THAT
IF I UNDERSTAND HAL'S ORIGINAL... PROFESSOR HARUKAWA
MAYBE I CAN FIND SOME HINT
...BUT

EVEN IF I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN FIND THE RIGHT ANSWER
...OKAY!!
TIME TO DO WHAT I CAN
WHAT HAPP-ENED...
... OH ....
MY...
MY NEW CAR....

YOU ASS-HOLE...
IT WASN'T JUST THE LOAN I HAD LEFT...
IT'S THAT WITH THIS HAL MESS THE COMPANY'S CLOSED FOR NOW~~~
WHAT'S WITH TRYING TO SHIFT AWAY THE BLAME SO MUCH!!
JUST ADMIT YOU'RE THE ONE THAT DESTROYED IT!!
CEASE CRYING SO MUCH
THERE WAS NO HELPING IT
YAKO'S BODY THAT HAD BEEN SOAKED IN GASOLINE WOULD HAVE NATURALLY IGNITED AND EXPLODED IT
IS THAT SO
HOW AM I GONNA KEEP PAYING FOR...
BUHA!!
...HUH?
YOU CAN'T COUNT ON ME FOR THAT KINDA THING
HOW IS THE OUTLOOK FOR MY REQUISITION!?
AND WHAT OF WHAT I ASKED FOR

IF IT'S YOU, MAYBE WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT
WELL...
IF YOU WANNA TALK TO SOMEONE WHO CAN PROBABLY DO IT
I FIGURED ONLY THEY COULD COME UP WITH IT
INSTEAD OF BUYING YOU A DRINK...
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GIVE YOU A BULLET?
...HEY, MONSTER



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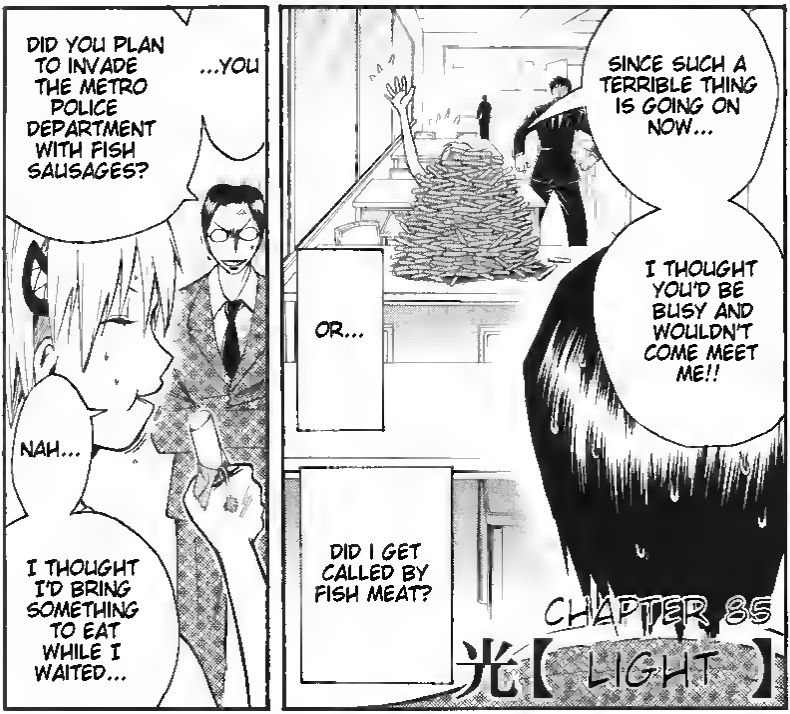
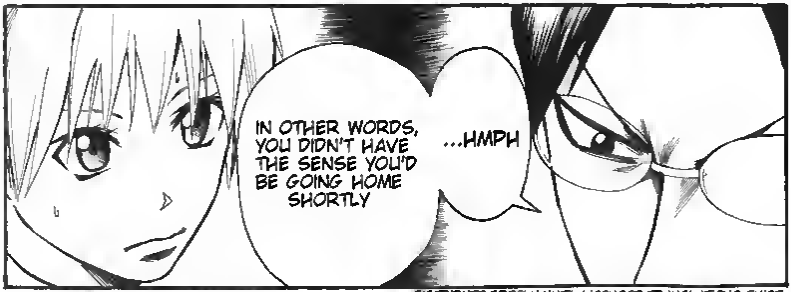

DID YOU PLAN TO INVADE THE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH FISH SAUSAGES?
...YOU
NAH...
I THOUGHT I'D BRING SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE I WAITED...
SINCE SUCH A TERRIBLE THING IS GOING ON NOW...
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE BUSY AND WOULDN'T COME MEET ME!!
OR...
DID I GET CALLED BY FISH MEAT?
CHAPTER 85
光【LIGHT】



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ONCE YOU SEE THE CIRCUMSTANCES INSIDE THE STATION MAYBE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND
FOR THE MOMENT, THE POLICE HAVE NO IMPORTANT WORK TO DO
BECAUSE IN THIS SITUATION, JURISDICTION OF THE CASE IS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEFENSE AGENCY
.....
THE JOB THAT REMAINED...
THE CRACKDOWN ON THE ELECTRONIC DRUG ADDICTS, TOO
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED
THEIR CRIMES STOPPED RIGHT AWAY
AND INSTEAD...
THEY'VE ALL BEGUN TO GATHER AT THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER

THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
EVERYTHING HAS GONE ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN
IT WAS ALL TO MAKE SOLDIERS TO PROTECT HIMSELF
AND IN ADDITION TAKING OVER THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER'S ENTRY INTO PORT
HARUKAWA IS ALREADY DEAD
FROM THE BLOODSTAIN LEFT IN THE RESEARCH LAB
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NOW WE KNOW WHY HARUKAWA'S MOVEMENTS CEASED
A PROGRAMMED PERSONALITY AS THE REAL CRIMINAL...
SO, KATSURAGI YAKO
YOU WANTED TO SEE...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY
THE THINGS WE SEIZED THAT BELONGED TO HARUKAWA

BUT...
THERE WAS ALREADY NO POINT TO IT
WITH HARUKAWA'S DEATH...
HAL HAS REACHED HIS GOAL NOW
THIS MUCH...
.....!!
TO FIND A HINT TO HARUKAWA'S LOCATION AND...
TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
WE ...
TOOK A GENERAL LOOK THROUGH ALL OF HIS THINGS TOO
IS THERE SOME POINT TO IT?
ALTH-OUGH...
WITH YOU COMING TO LOOK AT THIS STILL.....

I HAVE TO KNOW
EVERYTHING ABOUT PROFESSOR HARUKAWA
THE REASON IS...
I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT BUT
I...
HAVE TO READ THESE MATERIALS
.....

UP UNTIL NOW, I HAD NEVER FAILED IN MY PLANS
MONSTER

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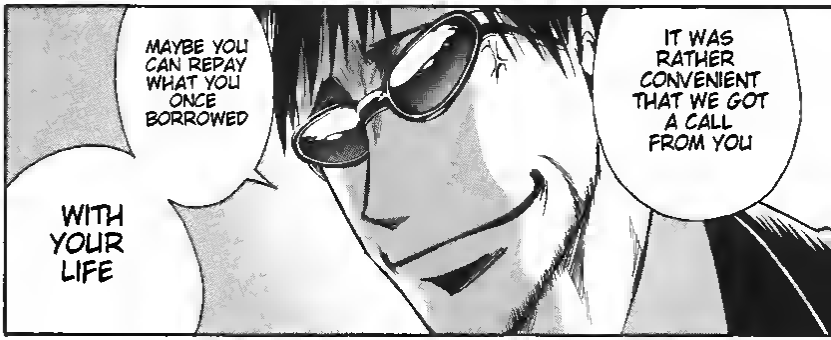
IF ONLY THAT HADN'T HAPPENED, HUH
AND WAS CRUSHED BY YOU
THE COMPANY THAT WAS A FRONT FOR A VAST AMOUNT OF MONEY...


MAYBE YOU CAN REPAY WHAT YOU ONCE BORROWED
WITH YOUR LIFE
IT WAS RATHER CONVENIENT THAT WE GOT A CALL FROM YOU

I REFUSE
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I NEED TO BUY SOMETHING...
TO KILL THE ELECTRONIC PERSON HAL...
THERE IS AN ERRAND I WOULD ASK OF YOU
...YOU
HIM...!?

AT PRESENT, WITH EVEN THAT TOY...
YOU WOULD DO WELL TO TRY TO MAKE ME PAY WITH MY LIFE
YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO KILL ME
YOU JERK
IF YOU'VE GOT THAT KINDA MONEY YOU CAN PAY ME BACK FOR THE CAR...
PERHAPS IF IT WAS NEEDED
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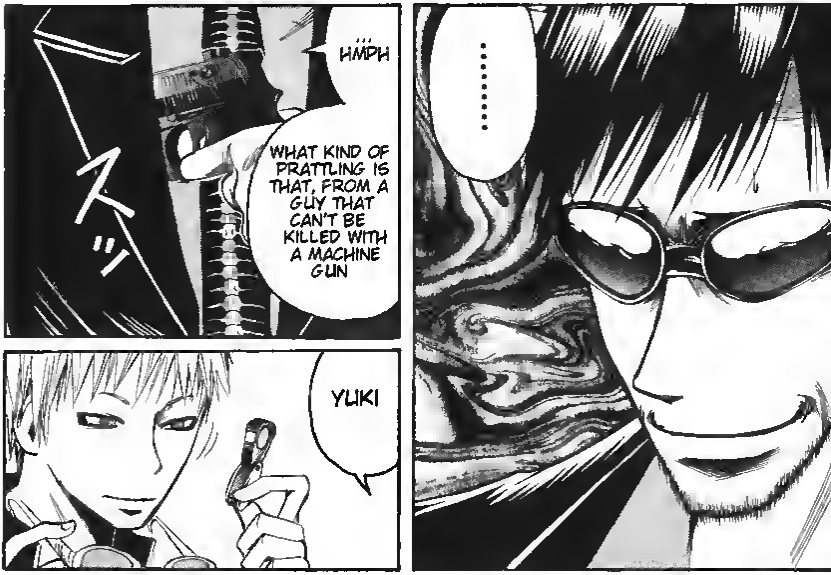
...HMPH
WHAT KIND OF PRATTLING IS THAT, FROM A GUY THAT CAN'T BE KILLED WITH A MACHINE GUN
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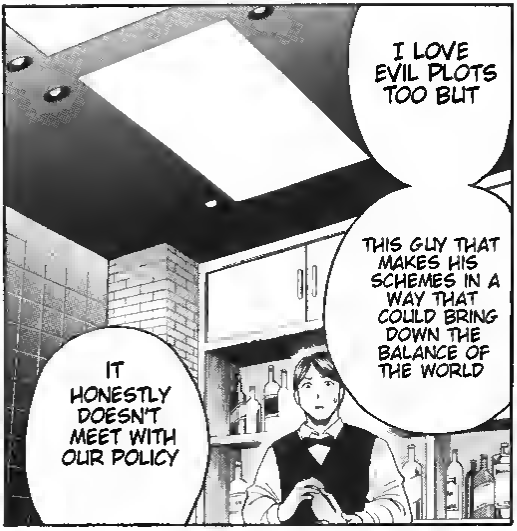
YUKI
.....

WHAT A DAMN MONSTER
I DUNNO WHAT YOUR GOAL IS BUT
MAYBE IT'S TO CRUSH THAT GUY'S PLANS THIS TIME
WITH THAT OCCUPYING THE STOCK MARKET
AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, JAPANESE CORPORATIONS' STOCKS HAVE TAKEN A DIVE
THE COMPANY WE'RE INVOLVED WITH RIGHT NOW HAS TAKEN A BIG HIT TOO
BUT...
THE OUTRAGE OVER THAT GUY HAL... HAS AT THE VERY LEAST MADE US SUFFER LOSSES
...YES
JUST BY SETTLING THERE
HE'S SHAKEN THE GOVERNMENT, THE ECONOMY, EVERYTHING
IF THINGS GO BADLY, IT'LL TURN INTO A WORLDWIDE PANIC


I LOVE EVIL PLOTS TOO BUT
THIS GUY THAT MAKES HIS SCHEMES IN A WAY THAT COULD BRING DOWN THE BALANCE OF THE WORLD
IT HONESTLY DOESN'T MEET WITH OUR POLICY

I THINK THE QUALITY'S GOOD ENOUGH, BROTHER

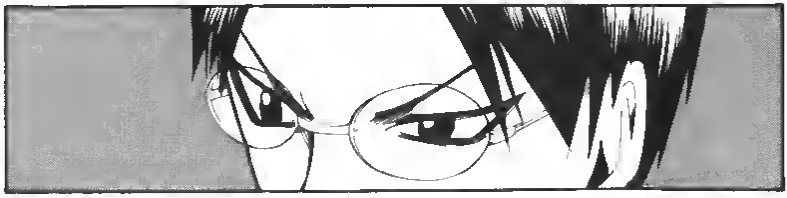
IF YOU, NEURO, YOU MONSTER
WOULD PARTNER UP WITH US TOO
FUHA HAHA

OKAY, FINE
MAYBE WE CAN GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT
...THOUGH THE BEST RESULT WOULD BE...

...LIKE HE SAID...
THE MAJORITY OF PROFESSOR HARUKAWA'S RESEARCH MATERIALS

HONESTLY
ARE PRETTY ROUGH

MORE FISH!!
...FISH
I'M COMPLETELY STUMPED
IF HAL'S FINAL OVERRIDE PASSWORD...
IS DERIVED FROM THE SPECIALIZED TERMIMOLOGY HERE...



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HIGUCHI
HASN'T CONTACTED US EVEN ONCE YET
HIGUCHI IS A BRAT
PROBABLY DOESN'T PLAN TO RETURN TO THE POLICE
HE CAN'T HANDLE THAT RESPONSIBILITY
THE FACT IS THAT HE AIDED HAL A GREAT DEAL
FOR ANY REASON...
IS SOMETHING HE HAS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
……THAT'S ……!!
HE AND THE REST OF THEM ARE STILL FINE

AND THE DAMAGES RELATED TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE MATTER!!
EVEN MORE PEOPLE HAVE HAD THEIR FREE WILL STOLEN BY THE ELECTRONIC DRUG!
THE PRIORITY SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL RESEARCH THAT USED THEM WILL STOP!!
IF WE SUBMIT AND HAND OVER THE WORLD'S SUPER-COMPUTERS...
AND THEN...
MORE THAN ANYTHING WITH THAT AIRCRAFT CARRIER THERE...
HE'S UNSETTLED THE GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY, LAW AND ORDER!!
HE CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO EXIST!!
HE...
ELECTRONIC PERSONHAL
DISGUSTING!!
AS IF THIS CHEAP FOOD IS GOING TO MAKE YOUR BRAIN WORK BETTER!!
...MR. USUI
IT'S A GOOD SOURCE OF PHA

THIS CASE...
KATSU-RAGI YAKO!!
YOU'VE BEEN TIED INTO SOMEHOW FROM THE START!!
PICK OUT WHAT YOU WANT TO HAVE DELIVERED!!
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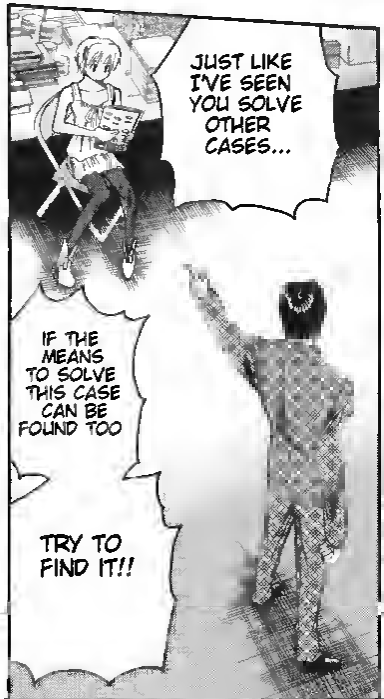
カッカッカッバタン!
...SURE
I'LL TRY TO


JUST LIKE I'VE SEEN YOU SOLVE OTHER CASES...
IF THE MEANS TO SOLVE THIS CASE CAN BE FOUND TOO
TRY TO FIND IT!!

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EVEN I'M GETTING DULL
THIS KIND OF INCOMPRE-HENSIBLE INVESTIGATION...
EVEN GETTING UP THE SMALLEST BIT OF HOPE IS...
N?
WAIT, KATSU-RAGI!!
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU TO ORDER WHAT YOU WANTED
THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'VE GOT SET ASIDE IS...
I'LL HAVE THE MIXED TEMPURA AND THE TOP-GRADE SEAFOOD ASSORTMENT, FIVE OF EACH, AND TWO OF THE BIGGEST TRAYS OF SUSHI YOU HAVE
UMMM AND PLEASE BRING ONE OF EVERYTHING ON THE MENU, YES, ALL THE BEST QUALITY
AND ALL OF THE SIDE DISHES WITH YAKITORI...
YES, BOTH THE SALT AND SAUCE TYPES
THAT SHOULD BE ALL FOR NOW... YES, I'LL HAVE TO CALL ANOTHER SHOP TOO
WHY YOU LITTLE

AND GAVE ME A LOT OF HINTS BY ACCIDENT
THE ELEC-TRONIC DRUG SHOWED THAT MOTIVE CLEARLY.
THE PASS-WORD IS HAL'S MOTIVE
HAL'S MOTIVE TOO...
WOULD JUST BE SOMETHING CLOSE TO HIM BUT...
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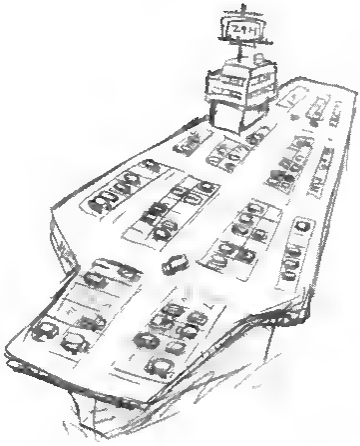
PIZA
THERE WAS A SLASH "/" PUT IN AT FIRST...
I WONDER IF YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ENTER TWO BASIC WORDS?
A/B
2/29
IT WOULD BE SIMPLE IF IT WAS A DATE OR SOME-THING
From: Akane
Topic: The password screen
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A LIMIT...
ON THE NUMBER OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS THAT CAN BE PUT IN

I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT...
WITH JUST THAT...
...BUT...
THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING BUT THAT HUGE MOTIVE
FROM JUST THIS...
THE PROFESSOR LEFT HIS DIARY AND ALL BUT...
IT'S SO FULL OF SPECIALIZED TERMINOLOGY THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHILE UNABLE TO SEARCH FOR SOME ANSWER
GREETED THE MORNING OF THE SECOND DAY...
AND I...
THE WORLD...

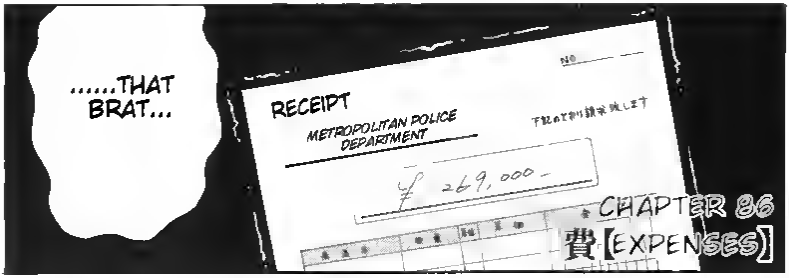
...THAT'S RIGHT
I WAS GOING THROUGH RECORDED VIDEOS OF THE PROFESSOR'S LECTURES
AH...
I FELL ASLEEP A BIT...
EVEN THOUGH I CAN SEE THE LETTERS I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM...
LISTENING TO HIS VOICE IS THE SAME TOO, I THINK BUT
.....
HUH?

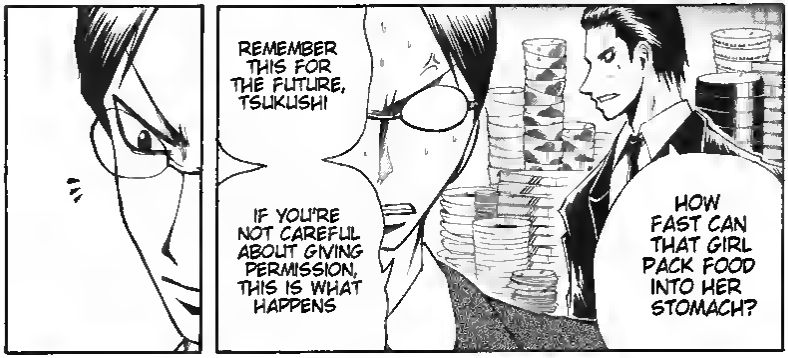
-------THEY BROUGHT ONE IDEA TO ME
AND IN THE SCRAPS OF PAPER THAT PASSED BEFORE MY EYES
HIDDEN IN SPECIALIZED TERMINOLOGY IN THE PROFESSOR'S WORDS...
THAT KIND OF...
...COULD IT BE
MAYBE
THAT KIND OF STUPID REASON...?

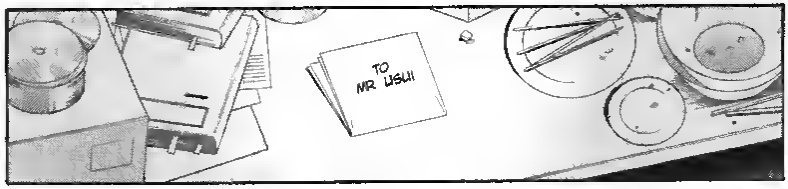
A GUESS AT THAT STUPID REASON

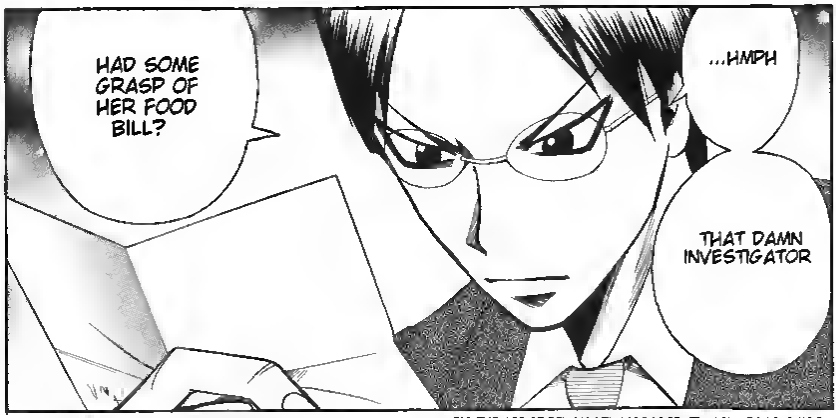


HE WANTED TO RUN A PARKING LOT ON THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER




REMEMBER THIS FOR THE FUTURE, TSUKUSHI
IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL ABOUT GIVING PERMISSION, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS
HOW FAST CAN THAT GIRL PACK FOOD INTO HER STOMACH?





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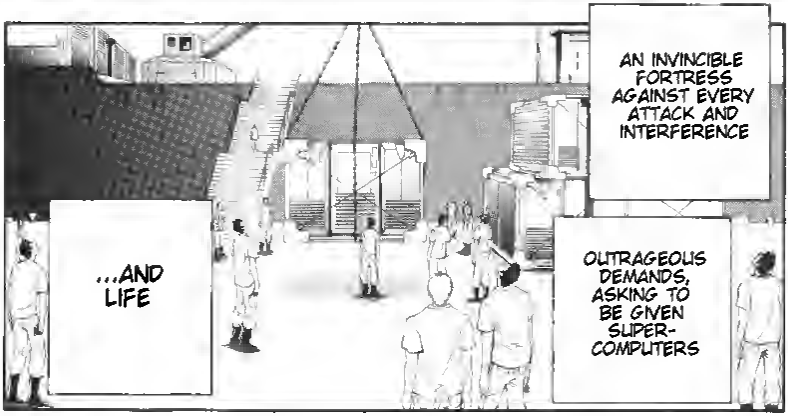
AN INVINCIBLE FORTRESS AGAINST EVERY ATTACK AND INTERFERENCE
OUTRAGEOUS DEMANDS, ASKING TO BE GIVEN SUPER-COMPUTERS
...AND LIFE

...BUT STILL
IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH
IF WHAT I'M THINKING IS RIGHT...
ALL THESE THINGS ARE TIED TOGETHER
THE PASS-WORD
TO FIND THE WORD HE SETTLED ON...
...I HAVE TO GO!
IT'S TIME FOR THE BUS...

WHY ARE WE HANDING OVER THE SUPER-COMPUTERS!!
ARE YOU PLANNING TO GIVE IN TO HIS DEMANDS THAT EASILY!!
...THERE'S NO POINT IN TALKING IT OVER WITH HIS SOLDIERS
SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HASN'T SETTLED ON A POLICY...
EVEN THE OWNERS OF THEM CAN'T OPPOSE HIM
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!!
SET UP A RESISTANCE!!
OR WE SHOULD OPEN NEGO-TIATIONS!!
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THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPTIONS LEFT!!
I HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE SPECIALISTS IN THEIR FIELDS, AROUND THE WORLD
I'LL CONSULT THEM ONLINE...
AND WE'LL BE SURE TO FIND A SOLUTION!!
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WE'VE REACHED A CON-CLUSION
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SURR-ENDER!!
SURR-ENDER!!
THOSE WHO TRY TO OPPOSE HIM...
ARE DETECTED AND MADE VICTIMS OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG!!
SURR-ENDER!
SURR-ENDER!!
...WHAT CAN WE DO!!

...I DON'T HAVE MENTAL ABILITIES LIKE NEURO
...SO
THERE'S NO SHORTCUT

I HAVE TO GO ONE STEP AT A TIME
FOR ME TO SOLVE THE "PUZZLE"...

ON THE THIRD DAY, NEURO'S DEADLINE...
INSTEAD, I...
WHILE THE WORLD FEARED HAL
HAD COME A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO THE ANSWER
...BUT WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE
THE ANSWER IS PROBABLY...
IN THIS PAPER I GOT YESTERDAY
OUT OF THESE, WHICH PART HAS THE ANSWER...
OR IS THE PASSWORD SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
...IN OTHER WORDS

COULD HAVE CHANGED GREATLY
HAL'S AND PROFESSOR HARUKAWA'S MOTIVE ITSELF...
YAKO!!
OH, KANAE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE
GUESS YOU DON'T KNOW THAT SCHOOL'S CLOSED...
OH WELL...
IT'S GOOD LUCK FOR ME, SINCE I'M GOING ON A DATE TODAY
AT LEAST FOR NOW, WITH THIS HAL MESS
SILLY, HUH
BUT SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER, IT SEEMS LIKE TOO MUCH TO BE BOTHERED BY

NOT EVEN IF YOU WERE DYING
CAN YOU PLEASE PAY FOR ME
OH, THAT'S GREAT, KANAE!!
BUT CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING
WHAT IS IT?
WE'RE FRIENDS AFTER ALL, SO I'LL LISTEN TO ANYTHING
THAT'S... NOT REALLY SOMETHING YOU'D DO TO A FRIEND
THROWING HERSELF... AT MY FEET?
I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE ALLOWANCE!!
I'VE BEEN MOVING AROUND THESE LAST FEW DAYS AND I'M SO HUNGRY AND I ATE AND ATE ..
I'M SERIOUS, PLEASE!!
...BUT IT DOES SEEM LIKE WE'RE USING UP THE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY THAT DAD LEFT...
THAT'S RUDE!!
A BILLION?
TRILLION?
...NO, PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT I BET
WONDER WHAT THEIR FOOD BUDGET'S LIKE
HAVING TO FILL THAT STOMACH...
THAT'S PRETTY BAD, HUH, FOR YOUR FAMILY TOO

MAYBE!!
GET BACK HERE, YOU!!!
HUH?
YOUR CHECK, MISS
HUH
WAIT A...
YOU MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ME A HINT!!
THANKS, KANAE!!
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APPROXIMATELY TWO PERCENT OF THE TIME TO COMPLETE RECOVERY
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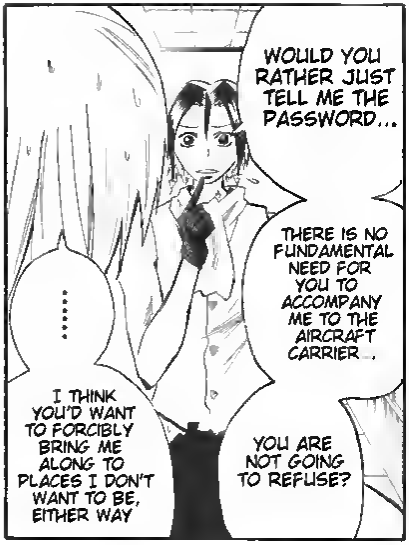
AND THE LIMIT ON HOW MANY CHARACTERS CAN BE ENTERED IS...
AT MOST, TWENTY-ONE CHARACTERS
THERE'S A SLASH IN THE PASSWORD
THAT WOULD MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS
A WORD FOR HAL'S GOAL...
APPROACHING HIM BY WAY OF THE INTERNET IS ALREADY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT IMPOSSIBLE
HE IS CONTINUING TO ADVANCE THE "SPHINX" INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER TOO...
BUT WE CANNOT WAIT MORE THAN THIS
THE ARMAMENTS AND DEFENSES OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ITSELF WILL MAKE HIM UNTOUCHABLE
FURTHER-MORE, IF WE GIVE HIM MORE TIME...
HAL'S POWER IS STEADILY INCREASING

...VERY WELL
BEFORE THAT, YAKO
HAVE YOU FOUND THE PASSWORD
...YEAH
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE IT COULD BE


WOULD YOU RATHER JUST TELL ME THE PASSWORD...
THERE IS NO FUNDAMENTAL NEED FOR YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER.
YOU ARE NOT GOING TO REFUSE?
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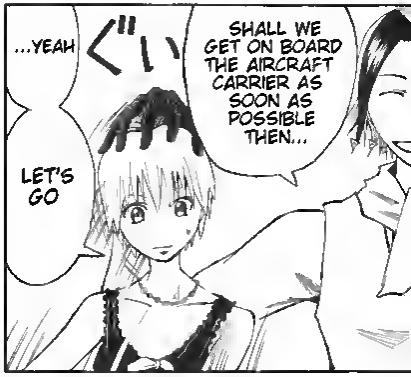
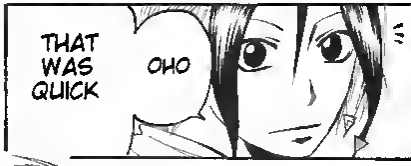
I THINK YOU'D WANT TO FORCIBLY BRING ME ALONG TO PLACES I DON'T WANT TO BE, EITHER WAY


SHALL WE GET ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEN...
...YEAH
LET'S GO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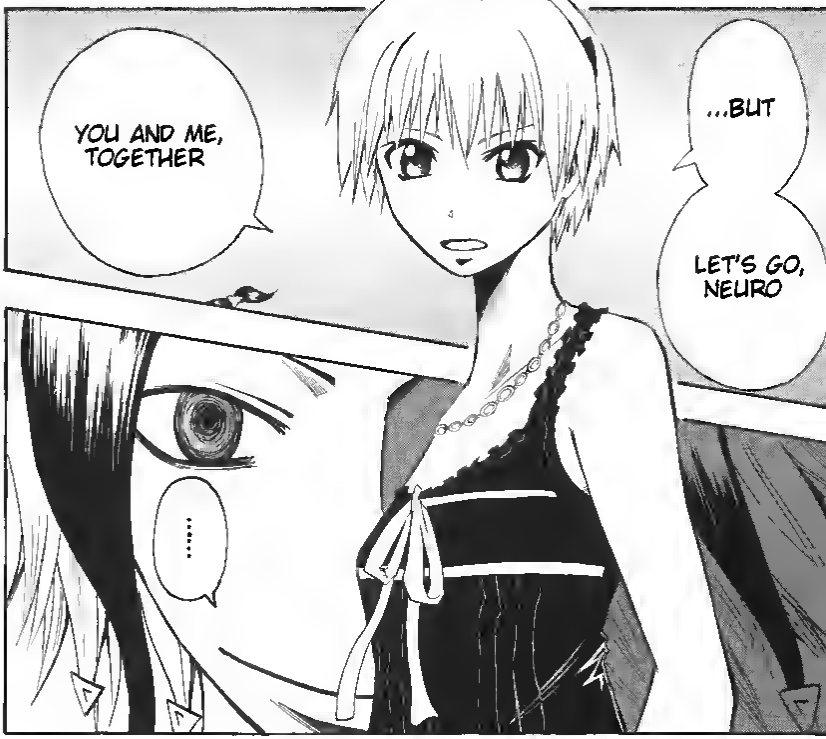
THAT WAS QUICK


YOU AND ME, TOGETHER
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...BUT
LET'S GO, NEURO

...I WANT TO TALK WITH HAL
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...I CAN'T DENY THAT...
DOING JUST THAT...
ISN'T SO RIDICULOUS
IT'S ABOUT THE MOTIVE OF THE CRIME

WANT TO GO MEET HAL
...SO, I...

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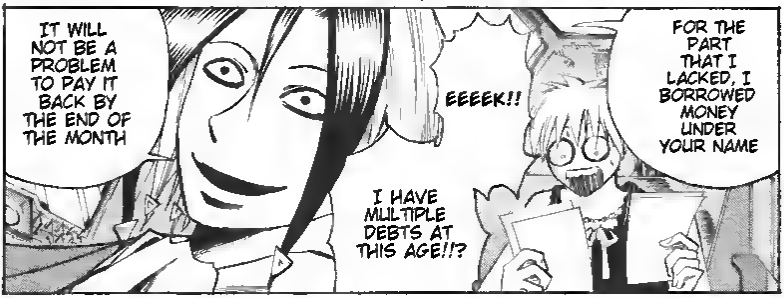
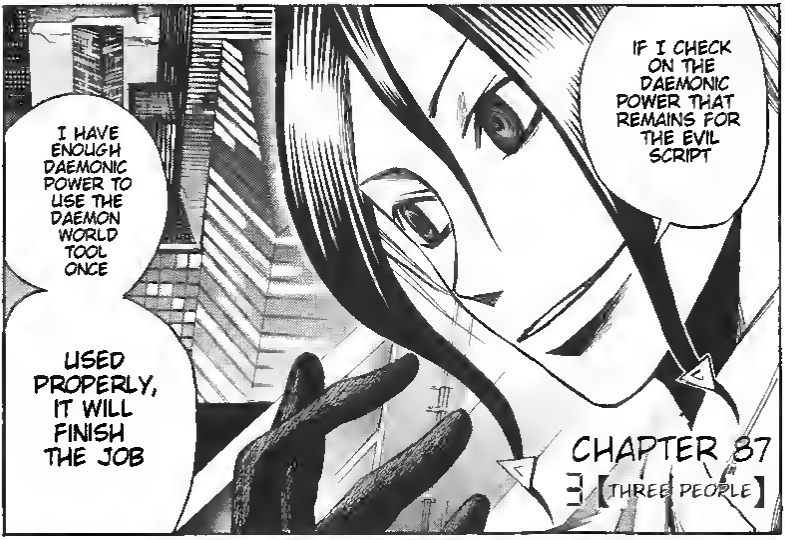
OF ONE AND ZERO
THE WORLD
THE BEAUTIFUL TRIANGULAR FORM THAT IS IMPENETRABLE TO ANY INTRUSION
THE "PYRAMID" IS COMPLETED
...NO
DELETE
RETRY
AT THE PEAK OF IT, I...
MAY CONTINUE MY CALCULATIONS FOR ETERNITY
NO
DE-LETE
RE-TRY
...NO
DELETE

RE...
!
LET'S SETTLE THIS
...VERY WELL
IT SEEMS THAT
...BUT
YOU WON'T GIVE UP
CHILD OF THE NEURONS!!

樋口結也【HIGUCHI YUUYA】

BIRTHDATE: SEPTEMBER 28
AGE: 19
HEIGHT: 170 CM
WEIGHT: 52 KG
FAVORITE FOOD: CRACKERS
EXCUSE HE HATES: "BUT I'VE GOT A MAC..."
THE FIRST POLITE LANGUAGE HE USED: I'M IN YOUR DEBT


IT WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM TO PAY IT BACK BY THE END OF THE MONTH
EEEEK!!
I HAVE MULTIPLE DEBTS AT THIS AGE!!?
FOR THE PART THAT I LACKED, I BORROWED MONEY UNDER YOUR NAME


I HAVE ENOUGH DAEMONIC POWER TO USE THE DAEMON WORLD TOOL ONCE
USED PROPERLY, IT WILL FINISH THE JOB
IF I CHECK ON THE DAEMONIC POWER THAT REMAINS FOR THE EVIL SCRIPT
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3【THREE PEOPLE】

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CHAPTER 87
3【THREE PEOPLE】
FINAL GUARD
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GUARD-3
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PASSWORD
GUARD-2
SPHINX
GUARD-1
HOSWALD
EVIL TOOL
SECRET
EVIL TOOL
E. SCRIPT
TOOL
AH-64 APACHE
SERVANT
YAKO K.

...HARD TO BELIEVE THEY ASKED FOR A MILITARY HELICOPTER...
WELL...
THERE WAS A SECOND-HAND ONE, IN GOOD CONDITION, ON THE BLACK MARKET
EVEN CONVERTED TO HAVE MILITARY ARMAMENTS TOO
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT NORMALLY, IT'S TOO RECKLESS
TO EVEN ATTACK THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER WITH THAT GRADE OF MILITARY ARMAMENT
IT WON'T STAND UP TO HIM!!

ONE AIRCRAFT...
AFTER SEPARATING FROM THE BUILDINGS IT'S COMING STRAIGHT AHEAD
...A HELI-COPTER
ABOUT 30 SECONDS UNTIL IT ARRIVES AT THIS AIRCRAFT CARRIER
THERE IS NOBODY IT CAN BE BUT YOU, NEURO
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE SWEPT YOU ASIDE MANY TIMES, YOU TURN BACK TO FACE ME
TOUGH AND INTELLIGENT IN A WAY THAT CANNOT EVEN BE COMPARED TO HUMAN
THE THREAT THAT GOT THROUGH TO HUMANS IS WORTH NOTHING TO YOU

I ADMIRE YOU GREATLY!!
AND THEN THAT OBSESSION OF YOURS WITH NEVER GIVING UP!!
BUT...
EVEN THAT MONSTER WILL DIE NOW
WAS A COMPUTER SPECIALIZED TO ATTACK ANY INTERFERENCE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
THE STRENGTHENED "SPHINX" OF THIS AIRCRAFT CARRIER...
YOU CANNOT FORGET

WITH THAT KIND OF PEASHOOTER!
YOU CANNOT EVEN GRAZE ME ONCE
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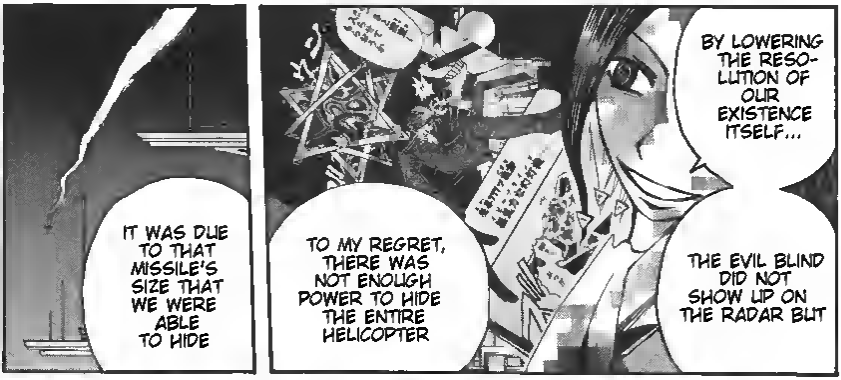
MY TURN
NOW THEN

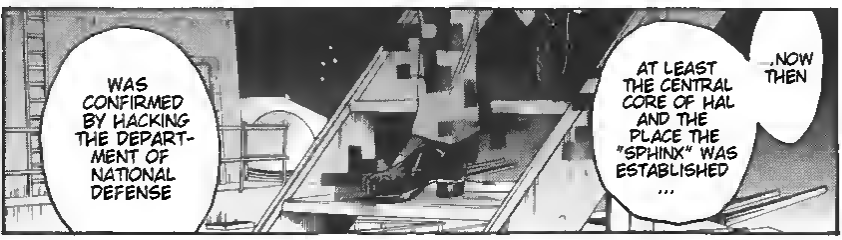
DON'T LEAVE EVEN A SCRAP BEHIND!!
I CAN'T LEAVE EVEN ONE PERCENT OF THE BODY TO EXIST...
OF A PERSON WHO HAS EVEN A ONE PERCENT POSSIBILITY OF ELIMINATING ME!
THAT WAS WHAT I NEGLECTED UNTIL NOW!!

AAA-AAH...
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR WITH ONE HELICOPTER
...HMPH
IN THEIR CASE, EVEN IF IT LOOKS RECKLESS, IT'S NOT RECKLESS
YOU KNOW IT TOO, DON'T YOU, YUKI
SHOULDN'T YOU BE SMILING AFTER THAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
THAT BITTER EXPRE-SSION
WHAT'S WRONG, BROTHER?
WE BROTHERS WOULDN'T HAVE LOST
IF THEY COULD HAVE BEEN FINISHED OFF LIKE THAT...

MIGHT BE THE CLOS- EST...
THAT...
777 TOOLS OF THE DAEMON WORLD
EVIL BLIND
WE'VE COME TO DANGER SO FAR

TO HIDE OUR-SELVES...
BY SNEAKING AWAY ON A MISSILE!!


IT WAS DUE TO THAT MISSILE'S SIZE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO HIDE
TO MY REGRET, THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH POWER TO HIDE THE ENTIRE HELICOPTER
BY LOWERING THE RESO-LUTION OF OUR EXISTENCE ITSELF...
THE EVIL BLIND DID NOT SHOW UP ON THE RADAR BUT


WAS CONFIRMED BY HACKING THE DEPART-MENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
AT LEAST THE CENTRAL CORE OF HAL AND THE PLACE THE "SPHINX" WAS ESTABLISHED ...
...NOW THEN

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SOME-HOW...
IT FEELS WEIRD THAT NOT A SINGLE PERSON HAS NOTICED US
S...
AND THEN I WILL ONCE AGAIN BREAK IN AS FAR AS THE PASSWORD ENTRY SCREEN
IT IS NOT A TOOL TO BE MAINTAINED FOR LONG
WE MUST FINISH OFF THE SOLDIERS AND THE "SPHINX" IMMEDIATELY

THEN IT IS YOUR TURN
YAKO
BY THE WAY
……
I SEE
…NO……
THAT PASS-WORD…
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IT PRO-BABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPO-SSIBLE
I THINK
WAS IT SOMETHING I COULD HAVE SOLVED?

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UNTIL THE OTHER SOLDIERS BREAK THROUGH THE BARRICADE....
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TO DO ALL OF YOUR WORK
YOU HAVE UNTIL THEN.... YAKO

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...THIS ...
IF I FAIL IT EVEN ONCE
SOMETHING HORRIBLE WILL HAPPEN....
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...BUT
HOW DID HE GET IN HERE!?
THE "SPHINX" WAS DESTROYED!!
WHAT IS THIS...

ALL OF YOUR "SPHINXES" ARE FINISHED
ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR THE PASSWORD TO BE ENTERED
MY SLAVE IS SOLVING IT NOW
...
NEURO!!
IF THIS IS BROKEN TOO
THERE IS NOTHING BUT THE "PUZZLE" TO PROTECT YOU
....HMPH
IT'S A PASSWORD EVEN YOU CANNOT SOLVE
UNFORTU-NATELY, THAT'S IMPO-SSIBLE
WHY WOULD SHE BE ABLE TO...

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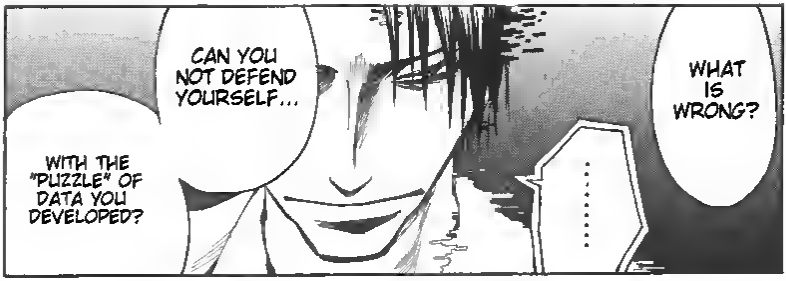
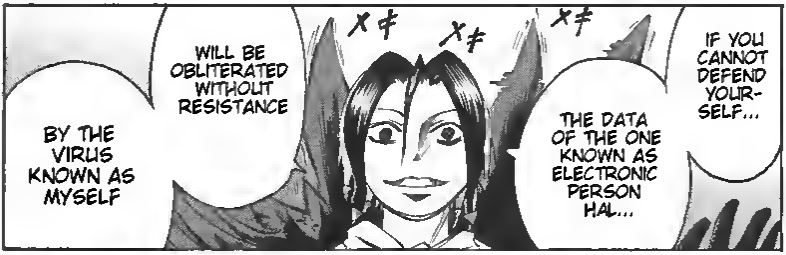
WITH THAT...
ALL THE BARRIERS HAVE DISAPPEARED
...IT CAN'T BE
BRING FORTH YOUR "PUZZLE", HAL
IT WILL BE OUR FINAL MATCH

DROPPED IN ONE HIT




IF YOU CANNOT DEFEND YOURSELF...
THE DATA OF THE ONE KNOWN AS ELECTRONIC PERSON HAL...
WILL BE OBLITERATED WITHOUT RESISTANCE
BY THE VIRUS KNOWN AS MYSELF

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CHAPTER 88-2 【TWO PEOPLE】
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IS MY FOOD...
THE "PUZZLE"
TRYING TO PROTECT YOURSELF WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT, THE ENERGY OF THAT RESISTANCE
STRAIN YOUR INTELLECT
AND USE THAT WISDOM TO YOUR FULL POTENTIAL
IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD
FOR ME TO DEFEAT THE UNARMED

...MAR-
VELOUS

IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING, I...
AM A BUG THAT DROPPED DOWN ON A SINGLE THREAD EXTENDED INTO THE ELECTRONIC WORLD
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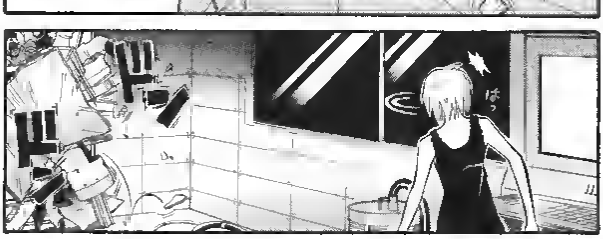
WHEN I SOLVE THIS "PUZZLE"
I...!!

NEURO'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS STILL INSIDE THE INTERNET
IN THE MIDDLE OF DEVOURING THE "PUZZLE"
IT LOOKS LIKE I SOLVED THE PASSWORD SAFELY BUT

THE GIANT "PUZZLE" THAT I COULD NOT EVEN BE ALLOWED TO TOUCH
HE'S PROBABLY FIGHTING IT

NEURO HAS TO...
HURRY UP AND SOLVE THE PUZZLE AND GET BACK HERE
...ISN'T THIS DANGEROUS?

...OH, AND



IF WE LET THE SOLDIERS INTO THIS ROOM IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION
...WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT!!
...OH NO!!
THEY'RE GOING TO BREAK THROUGH!!

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...NEURO
...WHY
IS HE NOT SAYING ANYTHING?
THE "PUZZLE" ...?
IF HE WASN'T ABLE TO DEVOUR THE "PUZZLE"
IF HE LOST NOW, WHEN HE WAS UP AGAINST HAL'S WITS...
NEURO IS A DAEMON THAT CHANGES A SOLVED "PUZZLE" INTO ENERGY

WAAAH
NELIRO DOESN'T
HAVE THE POWER TO SURVIVE IN THIS PLACE ANY LONGER...!!

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FIRST TIME
SINCE I
HAVE COME
TO THIS
WORLD!!
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THAT I
HAVE
EATEN....
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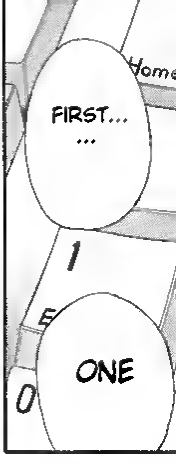
HAH!!
THIS KIND
OF HIGH
QUALITY
"PUZZLE"!!

MY BODY IS FULL OF DAEMONIC POWER!!
IT'S A REFRESHING FEELING!!
...WHAT WAS THAT
THE "PUZZLE" ...
WAS EATEN, I GUESS...
HE'S SORT OF LIKE A CHILD
HE FILLS HIS STOMACH AND THEN FEELS LIKE GOING OUT TO PLAY

YOU THERE...
IS IT KATSURAGI YAKO
.....!!
...I HAVE LOST
ALL OF MY DEFENSES ARE BROKEN
EVERY PRIVILEGE I HAD ONLINE IS SEALED AWAY...
I AM NO LONGER...
ABLE TO MAKE A SINGLE MOVEMENT

WITH ONLY NEURO AS MY OPPONENT...
I WAS OVER-CONFIDENT
MAKING USE OF ALL ELEMENTS OF THE DEFENSE PROGRAMS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY...
IT WAS CALCULATED TO BE ALL I NEEDED TO BE DEFENDED
...
...HAL
KATSURAGI YAKO
SOMEHOW, YOUR EXISTENCE...
SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE MY CALCULATIONS
BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT
TELL ME
THE PASS-WORD...
THE PLAN THAT WAS SET AS MY GOAL...



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AN INSTANT,

'SETSUNA'

SUBJECT NUMBER 010
HONJOU SETSUNA
AND THE ANSWER IS A PERSON'S NAME
THAT...
THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON FOR THE CRIMES YOU COMMITTED
ELECTRONIC PERSON HAL'S GOAL IS...
LIFE
BETWEEN ONE AND ZERO...
WITH HER
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